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July 2, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($500,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 2nd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson City.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 27th ultimo you are authorized to accept the bid of J. M. Douglass for waste copper in solution from your Refinery at 7 cents per pound.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 2, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 743 for $103.00, being on account of assays of ores inclosed in your communication

of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, No personal credit to be given you in your accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

July 2, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($500,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

July 2, 1888.

Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1895 for $578.01 being on account of old material inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, no personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt".

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C.D. No. 1896 for $6,238.43, being on account of sale of by-products + + + + + + + + + + + +

July 2nd, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Your statement of coinage for June has not reached this office. Telegraph your June coinage.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 2nd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bonds of William Broderick, Assistant-Coiner, and Dennis F. Slattery, Memorandum Clerk, of your Mint, were approved by the Secretary of the Treasury on the 23rd ultimo and referred to the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 2nd., 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Eliot C. Jewett, Esq.,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Nicholson has not qualified. You will not turn the office over to him until you are notified to that effect by this Bureau. Leave of absence until the ninth is granted you.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director.

July 2nd., 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 30th ultimo, I telegraphed you to-day that leave of absence was granted you as requested until the 9th instant.

Mr. Nicholson, your successor, has not forwarded a bond to this Bureau and cannot enter upon the duties of the office until his bond is approved. You will therefore, continue in charge of the office until you are notified by this Bureau to turn it over to your successor.

For the present it would probably be well not to open your office for the receipt of deposits. If, however, Mr. Nicholson does not qualify within a reasonable length of time, instructions in regard to the receipt of deposits will be given you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 2nd, 1888.

Charles F. Macdonald, Esq.,
Supt. Money Order System,
Post Office Department.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 8th ultimo requesting me to fix quarterly the value of the Peruvian sol, I have to state that the value of the Peruvian sol, based on the average price of silver in London during the quarter ended June 30, 1888, was $0.67.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 2nd, 1888.

Frank Doyle, Esq.,
413 Broadway,
Hannibal, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 28th ultimo, you are informed that deposits of gold are received at any of the Mints or Assay Offices, payment being at the rate of $20.67 per ounce fine less mint charges for refining, etc., when necessary.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account

of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Mon. for the month ending May 31st, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1888.

First Auditor
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer's in charge of the U. S. Assay Offices at St. Louis, Boise' & Charlotte for the month ending May 31, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1888.

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, T.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary account for the month ending May 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters sent to:

Assayer in charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Received

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

July 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

C. D. No. 7098 for $5062.47 being on account of parting and refining charges inclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst., has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, per-sonal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appro-priation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

Two (2) Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 7099 for $99.77 + + + alloy charges + + +

July 3rd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Referring to certificate of deposit No. 7097 for $8.25 money received for making medal dollar, enclosed in your communication of the 2nd instant, I am at a loss to know how to cover the same into the Treasury.

Will you please inform me whether this amount has been taken up in your medal fund account, or any of your accounts, and whether personal credit is to be given you for the same.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

Sir:

C. D. No. 309 for $208.40 being on account of old material inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted below, to same address:

C. D. No. 388 for $51.40 old material + + + Rale of

July 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

C. D. No. 392 for $140.94 being on account of Parting and refining inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Two (2) similar letters, except as here noted, & same address:

C. D. No. 393 for $1.82, alloy charges as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

C. D. No. 394 for $2.35 parting and refining to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

July 3d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

In my letter of June 30, approving awards for the purchase of supplies required for your institution the item for Assay "Beakers" was inadvertently omitted.

The award is hereby approved.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 3, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1092 for $254.25, being on account of bal. of wages & Con. Ex. for your office, fiscal year 1888, inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 1091 for $96.66, being on account of bal. of salaries for your office, fiscal year 1888,

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary account for the month ending May 31, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 5, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 5, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers,

for the Quarter ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 5, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 6926 for $234.44 being on account of gain on bullion inclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 6927 for $13.18 balance of transportation account,

C. D. No. 6928 for $119.79 "Sweeps"

C. D. No. 6929 for $1815.68 gain on charges

C. D. No. 6930 for $441.72 charges for melting, assaying and stamping

C. D. No. 6931 for $4.00 bullion assays

No personal credit to be given you in your accounts,

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

The following coins reserved during the month of June and forwarded to this Bureau for assay have been received, viz:

Four (4) Eagles	$ 40.—
Twenty Two (22) Standard Silver Dollars,	22.—
Total value	$ 62.—

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters, except coins, as noted below, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Nine (9) Double Eagles	$ 180.—
Twenty-two (22) Standard Silver Dollars	22.—
Twenty (20) Dimes	2.—
Total Value	$ 204.—

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Ten (10) Double Eagles,	$ 200.—
Four (4) Eagles,	40.—
Ten (10) Standard Silver Dollars,	10.—
Eight (8) Quarter Dollars,	2.—
Total Value,	$ 252.—

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Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1329 for $0246.87 being on account of parting and refining earnings, inclosed in your communication of the 27th ultimo, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining bullion.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address:

C. D. No. 1330 for $455.70 alloy charges

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Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1089 for $1.45, being on account of "charges" inclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters to same address, except as here noted:

C. D. No. 1093 for $12.02, Deposit Room grains

C. D. No. 1094 for $156.31, Surplus bullion.

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C. D. No 1090 for $12.00, Assays of bullion no personal credit to be given you in your accounts,

July 5, 1888.

Assayer Assay Office,
St. Louis Mo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 5, 1888.

Gen. S. V. Benét,
Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, you are informed that the army marksmanship medals requested in your letter of the 21st of April will be forwarded in a few days.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

C. D. No. 745 for $137.42 being on account of bal. of apps for wages & Con. Ex. of Office fiscal year 1888 inclosed in your communication of the 2nd instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given

you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except as here noted, To:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

C. D. No. 6932 for $ 550 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀, being on account of bal. of Contingent & Expense Appn fiscal year 1888, of your Mint.

July 6, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter addressed to:

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

July 6th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint of the following parties at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100000 Ounces, at $0.9245

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	40,000 Ounces, at	$0.9245
J. & W. Seligman & Co.	72,000 Ounces, at	$0.9245
Handy & Harman	200,000 Ounces, at	$0.9245
W. G. Mathews	140,000 Ounces, at	$0.9245

July 6, 1888.

T. E. Hammond,
Agent U. S. Express Co.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I return herewith the account of your company for the transportation of gold Bullion during the month of June, for the reason that the

first charge made therein for the transfer of $11,781.92 in bullion from Boise City, appears to require correction.

At the rate of $4.- per $1,000.- the charge for this amount would be $47.13 and not $92.50. You will please make the correction and return the account to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 6, 1888.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and forty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 6, 1888.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and forty-five hundredth cents, per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 6, 1888.

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and forty-five hundredth cents per ounce fine!

Jas. D. Kimball
Director

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman
24 Nassau Street
New York.

W. S. Mathews,
120 Broadway,
New York

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street
New York

J. & W. Seligman,
New York.

Western National Bank, New York.

July 6, 1888

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer of twenty-five thousand ounces, additional, accepted.

Jas. D. Kimball Director.

July 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson.

Sir:

Schedule of checks drawn by your Mint on June 26th is returned herewith for your signature.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

July 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the "Examiner" for advertising for proposals for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, amounting to $16.50 and which sum is payable from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except amount of account, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

$38.86

July 7th. 1888.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the Rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9245

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

July 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received your letter of the 6th instant stating that you had shipped by the Adams Express Company 24 Gold, 38 Silver and 38 Bronze Marksmanship medals, ordered by the War Department in April last.

You enclose receipted bills for the mounting, cases and expressage, but fail to enclose your account.

I will thank you to forward the same without delay.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 7th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

C.D. No. 7097 for $8.25 amount received for the manufacture of a collar for medal dies, enclosed in your communication of the 2nd instant, has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your medal fund accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as "profits on the manufacture of medals and proof coins."

You are hereby instructed to charge your medal fund account for the quarter ending June 30th, 1888, with the sum of $8.25 and to credit it with the amount of the above certificate.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find Treasury Draft No. 12,962, for $1.95 issued in payment of your account for One Silver Life Saving Medal forwarded to this Bureau on the 6th ultimo. I also enclose herewith medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.

July 7, 1888.

Gen. S. V. Benet
Chief of Ordnance,

Sir:

I transmit herewith a box containing 24 gold, 38 silver and 38 bronze army marksmanship medals.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

The account for the medals will be sent you as soon as received from the Mint.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-) by a transfer of this amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks at Denver, Colo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the First National and Denver National Banks at Denver, Colo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 9th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:

I have to day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Preston Fertilizer Co. for two bbls. of bone ash, amounting to $49.94, and payable from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of your office, fiscal year, 1887.

Duplicate bill herewith.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account for 24 Gold, 38 Silver and 38 Bronze

Army Marksmanship medals, mounting, cases and express charges included, amounting to $2,196.85 has been transmitted to the War Department, with the request that a draft for the amount be forwarded you as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 9, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1353 for $867.66 being on account of sale of old material inclosed in your communication of the 2nd inst. has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. No personal credit to be given you in your accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 9, 1888.

Gen. S. V. Benet.
Chief of Ordnance,
War Department.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the following Marksmanship medals delivered to you on the 7th instant, viz:

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Twenty Four (24) Gold
Thirty Eight (38) Silver
Thirty Eight (38) Bronze
and for mounting, cases and express charges for the same, amounting in the aggregate to $2,036.85 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be transmitted him as early as practicable. I have also to request that you will sign in duplicate and return with the draft, the medal fund vouchers enclosed herewith.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 9th 1888.

H. E. Spackman, Esq.,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:
Enclosed herewith you will find United States Treasury draft No. 14,749 drawn on the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco, for the sum of $79.05, in payment of your bill for traveling expenses.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:
It is respectfully requested that the Bullion

fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena be increased in the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars, ($75,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$50,000.- with Assistant Treasurer at New York and
$25,000.- with First National Bank Helena.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars ($75000.-) and that $50,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York and the balance $25,000.- with the First National Bank at Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers

for the month ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9240

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Fourth National Bank	20,000 Ounces, at	$0.9240
Handy & Harman	50,000 Ounces, at	$0.9240
W. G. Mathews	10,000 Ounces, at	$0.9240

July 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please cause to be struck as early as practicable Three (3) Gold and Nine (9) Silver Life Saving Medals and forward the same to this Bureau with your account.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 10, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Proceed with repairs for foundation of boilers.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 10, 1888.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and four tenth cents per ounce fine, for New Orleans.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 10, 1888.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and four tenth cents, per ounce fine.

Jas. D. Kimball
Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
624, Nassau Street
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

W. S. Mathews,
120 Broadway
New York.

July 11th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Carson be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin

and that the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at San Francisco be directed by telegraph to ship that amount to the Superintendent of said institution.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) and that the same be shipped you by the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 11, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Your statement of Domestic Production (Form 61) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is returned herewith for correction.

The production of Colorado gold is reported one ounce more and the silver one tenth of an ounce more; Wyoming gold is one ounce less and New Mexican silver one tenth of an ounce less, than shown by your statements as rendered to this Bureau monthly.

Please make the necessary corrections and return your statement promptly.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1888.

To the
Phoenix Manufacturing Company,
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant asking to be advised as to through what Quartermaster you will ship Crucibles to the Assay Office at Boise City, you are informed that the understanding of this Bureau was that the crucibles were to be delivered at the Boise Assay Office, free of expense to the government and therefore you should make your own shipping arrangements.

Our contracts for all supplies are that they shall be delivered at the respective institutions by the bidders, free of cost to the government.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 11, 1888.

Telegram

Assayer Mint
Denver, Colo.

Confirmed.

Until further notice deliver bullion for shipment to Philadelphia mint to Pacific

Express Cos.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director

July 12, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boisé be increased in the sum of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars, ($35,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, viz:

$ 25,000 with Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco and.
10,000 with Boisé City National Bank, Boisé, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Boisé City, Idaho.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars, ($35,000.-) and that $25,000.- of this amount be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at San Francisco and $10,000.- with the Boisé City National Bank Boisé, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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July 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 22nd ultimo, transmitting the awards made by you for supplies required by your Mint during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889 your attention is called to the fact that you have failed to enclose a schedule in detail of the bids received by you. It is necessary that this should be done.

Your attention is also called to the fact that in accepting the bid of John Taylor & Co. and of Justinian Caire, it is stipulated that the articles should be delivered in shipping order to the Quartermaster at San Francisco, while the advertisements inviting proposals for supplies, call for their delivery at the Mint and upon this ground I shall decline to approve the acceptance of the bid of Messrs. Taylor and Caire, without some further explanation.

I enclose herewith for your information, copy of a letter received by this Bureau from the Phoenix Manufacturing Company of Taunton, Mass. complaining that you have accepted the Dixon Crucibles at an average price of 61¢ each over and above the bid of the Phoenix Co. You will please state why you have accepted the offer of the highest bidder in place of that of the lowest.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. R. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 12th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your telegram of the 11th instant requesting to be informed as to the allotment of your mint for this month, you will please coin as many Silver dollars as practicable.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1888,

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Standard Silver Dollar Expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the month ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

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July 12, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Remit promptly to sellers of Silver as soon as value of shipments can be ascertained. No need of suspending assays.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director, Mint.

July 12th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. transmitting Schedule of Proposals for Supplies required for your Mint for the twelve months ending June 30, 1889, the following awards are approved:

1. Iron.

Jas. S. Watson & Son. American Bar @ $0.02 9/10 per lb.
" Swede " " 0.04 " "
" Norway " " 0.05 1/2 " "
" Hoop " " 0.02 1/2 " "
" Galvanized " 0.08 1/4 " "
" Band " 0.02 3/4 " "

2. Copper

Jas. S. Watson & Son. Sheet @ $0.28 per lb.
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Co. Ingot @ $0.16 " "

3. Brass.

Jas. S. Watson & Son. Sheet @ 0.23 " "
" Roll " 0.23 " "

4. Lead.

Jas. S. Watson & Son. Pig, chemically pure " 0.05 " "
" Sheet " 0.08 " "

5. Zinc.

Chas. S. Watson & Son. Bertha Spelter @ $ 0.08½ per lb.

6. Coal

Geo. B. Newton & Co. Highland broken for the melting furnaces $ 5.50 per ton 2240 lbs.

Branson & Brother. Pea @ $ 2.94 per ton

Williams Bryant. Lehigh egg " 5.00 " "

7. Charcoal.

Henry H. Grady. Pine " 0.13 " bush.

Oak " 0.13 " "

" granulated " 0.01¾ " lb.

Pulverized " 0.01¾ " "

9. Brushes.

John Sullivan. # Hand dust $ 5.25 " doz.

25 W. G. Scrub. 1.65 " "

Floor Sweeps 10.50 " "

3 Hand dust. Stiff 7.60 " "

12 Feather. 15.00 " "

14 " " 18.00 " "

White Wash 10.50 " "

10. Acids & Chemicals.

Charles Lennig & Co. Limited

Refined Borax @ $ 0.09½ per lb.

Soda Ash B. C. " 0.02¼ " "

Nitrate Soda " 0.02¾ " "

Salt Petre " 0.06¼ " "

Harrison Brothers & Co.

Nitric Acid 40° B. @ 4.30 per 100 lbs.

Aqua Fortis 40° B. @ 3.90 " " "

Oil of Vitriol 66° B. @ 1.00 " " "

Savage & Stovell.

Muriatic Acid 21° B. @ 1.05 " " "

Jas. W. Queen & Co.

Fused Borax @ 0.45 per lb.

Jas. W. Queen & Co. — Filtering Paper @ $ 4.50 per ream
Bone Ash " 0.06 " lb.
Litharge " 0.08 " "
Pearl Ash " 0.10 " "

Stevenson, Brother & Co.
Gasoline " 0.20 " gal.
Benzine " 0.20 " "

11 Lumber

Elias Pohl.
White Pine Panel 1", 1¼", 1½" & 2" @ $ 49.00 " M.
#1 " " Plank 1¼", 1½", 2" & 3" " 43.50 " "
#1 " " Boards " 38.00 " "
#2 " " " " 25.00 " "
#3 " " " " 16.00 " "
Hemlock joist & Scantling " 11.75 " "
#1 Walnut 1", & 1½" 125.00 " "
#1 Cherry 1", 1½" & 2" 92.00 " "
#1 Poplar ½" 26.00 " "
#1 White Pine Double fencing @ $ 31.00 per M feet
#2 " " " " " 20.00 " " "
#1 Virginia " flooring 1" & 1¼" " 23.00 " " "
#½ " " " 1" & 1¼" 18.75 " "

Charles Benton
#3 White Pine Boards " 16.00 " "
#1 Ash 1 & 2" " 50.00 " " "
#1 " 3 & 4" 20" wide " 57.50 " "
#1 Poplar 1" 2 & 3" " 35.00 " "
Basswood " 16.50 " "

12. Dry Goods.

James Oliver. Duck
(Sample 30 in wide) @ $ 0.08 65/100 per yd.
(" 25 " " " "
" 24 " " " 0.09 " "
" 30 " " " 0.10½ " "
(Sample 40 in wide) " 0.16 " "
Muslin for bags (Sample) " 0.06 35/100 " "

James Oliver.

	Ticking	@	$0.09 per yd.
	Sponge Cloths	"	5.00 " gross
	Grey Linen	"	0.16 " yd.
Henry C. Harper.	Huckaback #1	"	0.09 4/10 " "
	Crash #7	"	0.07 70/100 " "
	Blankets #9	"	3.00 " pair
	Un. Muslin #3	"	0.21/2 " yd.
	Gingham (Sample #1)	"	0.06 1/2 " "
#35	Whitney Brown Raleighs Thread Cb. Lap	"	0.84 97/100 " lb.
	200 yd. Dark Blue Spools	" " "	0.58 1/4 " oz.
#4	Needles (Sharps)	@	1.35 " M

13. Buckskin Gloves.

James Robertson.

10	Jack Buck Mitts	@	10.25 per doz. pair
20	" " "	"	7.50 " " "
7	" " Gloves	"	8.00 " " "
35	Ladies "	"	5.50 " " "

14. Oils & Lubricators

Vacuum Oil Co.

	Vacuoline Engine Oil	"	$0.45 per gal.
	Red V. Cylinder	"	0.75 " "

Francis Conway's Sons.

	Cylinder Tallow	"	0.05 1/2 " lb.

Aetna Oil Co.

	Lard (best kettle rendered)	"	0.11 " "
	Crescent Cylinder Oil	"	0.30 " gal.
	Mount Farm "	"	0.20 " "
	Sperm "	"	0.85 " "

Stevenson Bro. & Co.

	Prime Winter White Lard Oil	"	0.65 " "

15. Fire Brick & Clay.

E. K. Vanduzen.

#1	Brick	"	$29.00 " M
#1	Clay	"	1.90 " bbl.

16. Crucibles.

Robt. J. Taylor & Son.

B.L. Crucibles @ $0.02 5/8 per lb.
" " " Covers " 0.01 " "
" " Stirrers " 0.50 each
" " Dipping Cups " 0.50 "
" " Stools " 0.65 "
" " Rings " 0.70 "

Class 17. Hardware.

Jas. S. Watson & Son. 60 % off present price list.

Rasps.
Files " " " " "
Galvanized Iron Buckets @ $4.00 per doz.

Edward A. Hollis

3/8 #3 Flat-head Iron Screws @ $0.09 " gross
1/2 #3 " " " " " 0.09 " "
1/2 #4 " " " " " 0.09 " "
5/8 #4 " " " " " 0.09 " "
5/8 #5 " " " " " 0.11 " "
3/4 #6 " " " " " 0.13 " "
3/4 #7 " " " " " 0.14 " "
3/4 #8 " " " " " 0.15 " "
7/8 #6 " " " " " 0.14 " "
7/8 #7 " " " " " 0.15 " "
7/8 #8 " " " " " 0.16 " "
1 in. #8 " " " " " 0.17 " "
1 " #9 " " " " " 0.19 " "
1 " #10 " " " " " 0.21 " "
1 1/4 " #10 " " " " " 0.23 " "
1 1/4 " #11 " " " " " 0.25 " "
1 1/4 " #12 " " " " " 0.28 " "
1 1/2 " #11 " " " " " 0.29 " "
1 1/2 " #12 " " " " " 0.32 " "
1 1/2 " #13 " " " " " 0.36 " "
2 " #12 " " " " " 0.40 " "
2 " #14 " " " " " 0.47 " "
2 1/2 " #12 " " " " " 0.50 " "

Edward S. Hollis.

Waterman's Full w. Swede Iron Tacks			per doz. papers
1 oz.	@	$0.27	" "
2 "	"	0.30	" "
3 "	"	0.36	" "
4 "	"	0.42	" "
6 "	"	0.48	" "
8 "	"	0.57	" "
10 "	"	0.69	" "
12 "	"	0.81	" "
14 "	"	0.93	" "
16 "	"	1.08	" "
18 "	"	1.14	" "
20 "	"	1.26	" "
22 "	"	1.38	" "
24 "	"	1.50	" "
60d. Nails Cumberland Brand	"	2.30	per Keg. 100 lbs.
40 " "	"	2.30	" "
30 " "	"	2.05	" "
20 " "	"	2.05	" "
10 " "	"	2.05	" "
8 " "	"	3.05	" "
6 " "	"	3.30	" "
10 " Finishing	"	3.55	" "
8 " "	"	3.30	" "
6 " "	"	3.55	" "
Light I Hinges			per doz. prs.
5 in. per dozen pairs (without Screws)		0.42	" "
6 " " " "		0.69	" "
8 " " " "		0.72	" "
10 " " " "		0.96	" "
Heavy I Hinges			
8 in. per doz. pairs (without Screws)	@	0.90	" "
10 " " " "		$1.40	" "
Heavy T Hinges			
12 in. per doz. pairs	@	2.00	" "

Edward A. Hollis.

Light Strap Hinges		per doz. pre.
6 in. per doz. pairs (without screws)	@	$0.68 " " "
8 " " " " "	"	1.00 " " "
10 " " " " "	"	1.40 " " "
12 " " " " "	"	2.40 " " "
#193 Eagle Closet Locks	"	2.15 per doz.
147 " " "	"	3.50 " "
167 Brass "	"	0.85 " "
454 " "	"	2.35 " "
457 " "	"	2.50 " "
559 " "	"	3.25 " "
2½" Narrow Cast Butt Hinges	"	0.33 " doz. prs.
3" " " " "	"	0.45 " " "
3" x 3" Broad " " "	"	0.80 " " "
3½" x 3½" " " "	"	1.15 " " "
3 x 3 Acorn "	" Loose pin Plain @	0.58 " " "
3½ x 3½" " " "	"	0.80 " " "
4 x 4" " " "	"	1.00 " " "
4½ x 4½ " " "	"	1.35 " " "
#4 Griffiths D. Handle ½ polished Scoop Shovels	"	7.65 " doz.
5 " " " "	"	8.00 " "
6 " " " "	"	8.35 " "
4 " " " S. C. Steel	"	8.10 " "
Heavy Strap Hinges		per doz prs.
8 in. per doz. pairs (without screws)	@	1.90 " " "
10 " " " "	"	2.75 " " "
12 " " " "	"	3.90 " " "
14" " " "	"	4.30 " " "
Emery Paper (Braden & Adamsons)		
2/0 6½ " "	"	0.20 " quire
2 " "	"	0.25 " "
2½ " "	"	0.25 " "
3 " "	"	0.25 " "
Emery Cloth " "		
2/0 25 1½ "	"	0.85 " "

Edward A. Hollis.

Emery Cloth, Braden & Adamsons per gross

2	"	@	$1.00 " "
2½	"	"	1.15 " "
3	"	"	1.25 " "

Brass Key Blanks " doz.

# 176	"	"	0.55 " "
# 113	"	"	0.60 " "
# 112	"	"	0.65 " "
# 175	"	"	0.85 " "
# 213	"	"	0.90 " "
# 290	"	"	1.00 " "
# 148	"	"	1.25 " "

Square Head Machine Bolts.

2½ x 3/8"	"	"	1.60 " 100
1/2"	"	"	2.24 " "
3" x 3/8"	"	"	1.68 " "
1/2"	"	"	2.35 " "
3½ x 1/2"	"	"	2.48 " "
5/8"	"	"	3.68 " "
4" x 1/2	"	"	2.60 " "
5/8"	"	"	3.85 " "
5" x 1/2"	"	"	2.85 " "
5/8"	"	"	4.25 " "
6 x 1/2"	"	"	3.00 " "
5/8"	"	"	4.65 " "
7 x 1/2"	"	"	3.30 " "
7 x 5/8"	"	"	5.00 " "
8" x 1/2"	"	"	3.50 " "
5/8"	"	"	5.45 " "
10" x 1/2"	"	"	4.00 " "
5/8"	"	"	6.30 " "

Jap. Harness Rings

1¼" # 8	"	"	0.65 " gross
1½" # 6	"	"	0.95 " "
2" # 2	"	"	1.85 " "
2½ # 1	"	"	3.00 " "

Edward A. Hollis.

Annealed Copper Wire.

. # 01 1/8 Japanned Rim Locks 4" Brass Key @ $3.75 per doz
961 " " " 4" Tin " " 1.66 " "

Eagle Closet Locks.

#510 " " " " 0.85 " "
500 " " " " 1.25 " "
5 Griffiths D. Handle C. S. Steel Scoop. Shovels @ 8.55 " "
6 " " " " " " " " 9.50 " "
1/2" #20 Wire finishing Nails or Sprigs @ 0.22 " lb.
5/8" #19 " " " " " " 0.16 " "
3/4" # 18 " " " " " " 0.12 " "
1" # 17 " " " " " " 0.10 " "
1" # 16 " " " " " " 0.09 1/2 " "
1 1/4" #16 " " " " " " 0.09 " "
1 1/4" #15 " " " " " " 0.08 " "
1 1/2" #15 " " " " " " 0.07 1/2 " "
1 1/2" #14 " " " " " " 0.06 1/2 " "
1 1/2" #13 " " " " " " 0.06 " "
2" #12 " " " " " " 0.05 1/2 " "
2" #11 " " " " " " 0.06 " "
2 1/2" #11 " " " " " " 0.06 " "
2 1/2" #10 " " " " " " 0.06 " "
3" #10 " " " " " " 0.05 " "
3 1/2 #8 " " " " " " 0.05 " "
4" #6 " " " " " " 0.05 " "
5" #5 " " " " " " 0.05 " "

18. Soap.

William Dreckoppel.

Castile, White Imported, (cut to suit) @ 0.14 " "
Sapolio 0.07 " cake

Gustav W. Borsk.

Borax Soap. " 0.06 1/2 " "

Theo. L. Batt

Detersive Soap " 0.05 1/2 " "
Sand Soap " 0.03 " "

19. Wood.

Wm. L. Louer & Son.

Oak, Cleft 4ft.	@	$6.29	per cord
Pine, "	"	5.29	" "

20 Crash Mitts.

Annie Black

Furnace	@	$0.38	" pair
Fire	"	0.28	" "

21 Belting.

William Heaton

8 in. Leather	"	0.46	" ft.
12 " "	"	0.71	" "
2 " "	"	0.20	" "
7½ " "	"	0.44	" "

24. Rubber Goods.

William Heaton.

Packing	"	0.15	" "
Mitts, double thumb & pads	"	0.60	" each
Henry C. Harper. Gaskets	"	0.25	" lb.
Gloves, long right hand	"	0.73	each
" short left "	"	0.52½	"
#2 Spittoons lid 9½	"	8.97	per doz.

26. Ice.

Knickerbocker Ice Co.	"	5.00	" ton

27 Paints.

James W. Queen & Co.

White Lead	"	0.06 5/8	" lb.
Chrome yellow	"	0.15	" "
Yellow Ochre	"	0.09	" "
Chrome Green	"	0.12½	" "
Bronze "	"	0.12½	" "
Linseed Oil	"	0.57½	" gal.
Turpentine	"	0.48	" "
Copal Varnish	"	1.50	" "
Outside "	"	3.00	" "
Putty	"	0.2½	" lb.

James Y. Queen & Co.

White Zinc @ $ 0.06 3/4 per lb.
Print Cots " 0.30 each
27 Miscellaneous

Aetna Oil Company

White Cotton Waste " 0.10 per lb.

Your attention is called to the fact that you do not give the price to be paid for 25 m. duck either in the Schedule of bids received or awards made.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 12, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1023 for $65.00, being on account of bal. of Appropriation for Contingent expenses Office of Director of the Mint inclosed in your communication of the 3rd of April 1888, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 12th 1888.

The Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
Taunton Mass.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 10th I have to say that a copy of your letter will be sent to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson and the act of approval of the contract delayed until a reply is received.

From a letter to which a reply was sent yesterday, it appears that the rates which you have offered to the several institutions do not include delivery, as required in the call for bids.

I think you have been, on some previous occasion, informed that within reasonable limits of difference between prices offered, melters are allowed to choose their own crucibles according to their own preference, as determined by differences in practice, of value and of draught.

It also occurs to me to suggest that as the Dixon Company is in the hands of a receiver; the rates offered this year may be somewhat below competitive rates on the part of other manufacturers.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Telegram

July 12, 1888

Superintendent Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Address W. L. Mathews, Care, Western National Bank, New York.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

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July 12, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the "Alta Californian", amounting to $41.28 for advertising for proposals for supplies for your mint for the year ending June 30, 1889 and which sum is payable from your appropriation for Contingent Expenses, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Star" for advertising for proposals for supplies required for your office for the present fiscal year, amounting to $16.- which sum is payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 13th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary

of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Vassalage, Colgate & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9280
J. H. Sligman & Co. 50,000 Ounces, at $0.9280
American Exchange
National Bank N.Y. 150,000 Ounces, at $0.9280
Handy & Harman, 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9280

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint

July 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I am advised by the Public Printer that the Ledger of Bullion accounts &c. referred to in your telegram of the 7th inst. will be completed and delivered on the 17th. & soon as received it will be promptly mailed to you.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 13, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colo.

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety-two and eight-tenths per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Telegram Confirmed

July 13, 1888.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and eight tenths cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball,
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman
#24, Nassau Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Telegram Confirmed

July 13, 1888.

Meselage, Colgate & Co.
#29, Wall Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

July 14, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the pur-

of the Treasury for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

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Director of the Mint.

July 13, 1888.

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San Francisco, Cal.

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New York.

Your offer accepted.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

July 14, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary & Refinery Expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office at New York for the month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the pur-

pose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 1332 for $47.25 being on account of alloy charges, inclosed in your communication of the 6th inst., had been received, properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Bullion accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "Miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted below, & same address:

C. D. No. 1333 for $1,764.74 parting and refining charges to the credit of the appropriation for parting and refining Bullion.

July 14, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the

expenses of your institution during the month of July, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $10,600, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889,	$1,700
Wages of Workmen	1889,	$3,000
Contingent Expenses	1889,	$2,500
Parting and Refining bullion		$3,500

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letters, with exceptions as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

$3000.00

Salaries,	1889,	$1000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	1500
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	500

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

$23000.00

Salaries,	1889,	$4,000
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	$15,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	$4,000

See next page.

Similar to letters on preceding page, except as here noted:

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

$42,500 :

Salaries,	1889.	$4,500
Wages of Workmen,	1889.	30,000
Contingent Expenses,	1889	8,000

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

$27,000. :

Salaries,	1889,	$4000.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	$18,000.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	$5,000.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon. T.

$3000
Office :

Salaries,	1889,	$1000.
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	$1300.
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	$700.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

$6200.00
Office :

Salaries, 1889, $ 3400
Wages of Workmen, 1889, $ 2000
Contingent Expenses, 1889, $ 800

Assayer in Charge U.S. Assay Office
St. Louis, Mo.

$404.80,

Office

Salaries, 1889, $ 294.80
Wages of Workmen, 1889,
Contingent Expenses, 1889, } $ 200.00

July 14th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans,

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day for the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston and Colorado
Smelting Company, 40,000 Ounces at .9240

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary and Refinery Expense accounts for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office.
New York City.

Sir:

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the Sum of $8000.00 to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining bullion"

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter except sum mentioned, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

$5000.00

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July 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery, S. S. Dell. Coinage & Storage, & Removal of Steam Power Plant Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $ 10,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars to meet in part the expenses of your mint on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 14. 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In compliance with request contained in your letter of the 13th instant, I return herewith the statements handed to Mr. Preston when at your mint last, in order that the surplus

bullion returned by the Melter and Refiner and the Superintendent's grains may be added to the respective statements.
You will please return the statements as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $3,000 from the appropriation for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to meet in part the expenses of that coinage at your mint during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 14, 1888.

to the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the lowest price per pound at which you will deliver to the Mint at San Francisco, free of all charges, 20,000 lbs. of ingot copper and to the mint at New Orleans, 40,000 lbs., that for the San Francisco mint to be delivered before the 1st of January, 1889, and that for the New Orleans mint before the 1st of September, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, addressed to:

J. Douglas, Jr., Esq.
President, Copper Queen Mining Company,
37 & 39 Wall Street,
New York.

July 16th - 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boisé City Idaho, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Nine 70/100 Dollars ($14,409.70) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Eighty Four 29/100 Dollars ($184.29) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Four 29/100 Dollars, ($14,594.29) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Philadelphia as shown by Memorandum No. 42 dated July 12th 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 16th, 1888

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver Colorado to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Two 00/100 Dollars ($52,572.00) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Seventy Four 19/100 Dollars ($574.19) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty Three Thousand and Ninety-Six 19/100 Dollars ($53,696.19) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver Colorado, as shown by Memorandum No. 26 dated July 12th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 16th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, Montana, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fifty-three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty-nine 00/100 Dollars ($53,589.00) in Gold Coin, and Five Hundred and Eighty one 60/100 Dollars ($581.60) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifty-four Thousand One Hundred and Seventy 60/100 Dollars, ($54,170.60) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, as shown by Memorandum No 1, dated July 12th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 16, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, I. T.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July 1888, has been approved for the sum of $1430.00 payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$270
Wages of Workmen,	1889,	$860
Contingent Expenses,	1889,	

The monthly allowance for wages & Con. Ex. of your Office is only $625.00 as will be seen by the Copy of appropriation bill sent to day.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 16th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 2, dated July 12, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 42 dated June 23d 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $14,628.82, charges $34.53, and net value $14,594.29. For the latter amount

a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 16th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No 26, dated July 12, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. one, dated July 7th, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $53235.36, charges $ 139.17, and net value $53,096.19. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 16, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

In your statement showing expenditures from the various appropriations of your Mint for the fiscal year 1888, you have omitted to enter the last payment made at the Department June 14 amounting to $ 14.19.

The other items cannot be checked until your accounts for May and June are ex-

-amined.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. D. Kimball
Director.

July 16th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. One, dated July 12, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipments No. 44, 45, 46, 47 & 48, dated June 30, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $54,309.44, charges $138.84, and net value $54,170.60. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
Jas. D. Kimball
Director.

July 16, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. D. Kimball
Director.

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July 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I. D. No. 7108 for $20.105 being on account of bal. of appropriation for Con. Expenses of your Mint Fiscal year 1888 inclosed in your communication of the 13th instant has been received properly indorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the above appropriation as a repayment.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram.

July 16th, 1888.

H. E. Spackman,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your method of weighing the silver dollars from Assistant Treasury satisfactory.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 17th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmittal to Congress my report as Director of the Mint on the "Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the Calendar

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Year 1887" being my third report and the eighth of the same series prepared by this Bureau under annual appropriations, and printed under the above title by order of Congress.

The editorial and statistical labors of this report have been shared the same as last two years, with Mr. E. O. Leech of the Bureau of the Mint, Computer of Bullion.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st ultimo enclosing bids received for supplies required by your office for the current fiscal year, & return the same herewith in order that you may make a schedule showing the award of each article without regard to the classification.

Where you have reason to believe that the articles offered will prove satisfactory, you will in all cases award the contract to the lowest bidder.

You will please make up the schedule and return the same to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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July 17, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

C. D. No. 6954 for $1.50 being on account of bal. appro. for con. Expenses Office of Director of the Mint 1888 (Mining Stats) inclosed in your communication of the 11th instant has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Statistical accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas A. Kimball
Director.

July 17th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

The following awards made by you for supplies required by your Office for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1889, are hereby approved.

Denver Fire Clay Co.

300 Battersea "K." Crucibles	@	$0.20 each
25 " "L" "	"	0.25 "
200 Fire Clay Stirrers	"	0.50 "
100 Battersea 5 gr. Crucibles	"	0.03 "
600 lbs. Bone Ash,	"	0.05 per lb.
3 doz. Battersea Annealing cups	"	1.50 " doz.
200 lbs. Pure test Lard	"	0.15 " lb.
2. 32 oz. Flasks,	"	0.40 " each.
2 Cupel Molds	"	3.00 "
24 Muffles	"	1.25 "

Denver Fire Clay Co.

2	Muffles Tongs	@	$1.00 each.
200 lbs.	Borax Glass.	"	0.40 per lb.
8	Carboys Nitric Acid, C.P.	"	0.20 " "
25	Plumbago Jackets	"	0.75 " each.
200	" Stirrers	"	0.35 "
300 lbs.	Nitrate Potash,	"	0.10 " lb.
10	" Cyanide "	"	0.35 " "
3.	6in Funnels	"	0.40 each
25	Plumbago Crucibles	"	0.75 "
6	Doz. "Pears" Toilet Soap #705,	"	2.25 per doz.

Phoenix Mf'g Co.

50	Plumbago Crucibles	"	0.50 each
25	" " #20	"	0.75 "

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the "Times Democrat" for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required for your Mint during the current fiscal year, amounting to $22.67 and which sum is payable from your appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100 000 Ounces, at $0.9240

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Fourth National Bank 40,000 Ounces, at $0.9240

July 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the "Philadelphia Volksblatt" for advertising for proposals for supplies that will be required for your Mint during the current fiscal year, amounting to $9.14 and which sum is payable from your appropriation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Medal Fund Account with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram

July 17th, 1888.

Superintendent Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Expect me to-morrow about One o'clock by morning limited.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Telegram
Confirmed

July 17th, 1888.

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

You will open your Office to the receipt of deposits as heretofore.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 17th, 1888.

Hon. John J. O'Neill,
House of Representatives,
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I was incidentally informed by the Secretary

that you are disposed to criticize the action of this Bureau in keeping the Assay Office at St. Louis closed since the annual settlement, pending the qualification of the new assayer in charge.

For fear you may imagine another motive, it occurs to me to explain that Mr. Nicholson is now absent in Mexico but agreed to be back on the 1st of July and that it was not considered advisable for Mr. Jewett to re-open accounts in view of Mr. Nicholson's immediate qualification.

One complaint was received yesterday from J. S. Dobyns, Secretary of the San Miguel Hydraulic Mining Company suggesting the possible inconvenience to depositors, and as Mr. Nicholson has not yet reported for duty, directions were given to resume business.

This was before I received any information of any complaint on your part.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17th, 1888.

Messrs. Price & Charters,
Attorneys at Law,
Dahlonega, Ga.

Gentlemen:

In reply to yours of the 11th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to say that the incidents reported will be investigated, the circumstances as stated certainly requiring explanation. Thanking you for your offer to turn over the original correspondence to this Department if

necessary. I have to say that they may prove desirable later.

I may say that the Assayer-in-charge assumes unnecessary risk in receipting for express parcels, the contents of which are not verified.

The following is from the "Instructions and Regulations in Regard to the Transaction of Business at the Mints and Assay Offices," and should govern the Assayer in charge in such transactions as you refer to:

"Note.- The coinage laws of the United States presume in all cases that transactions between mints and assay offices with depositors are in person. Yet as a matter of convenience to the public, in cases where extraordinary objections do not arise, Superintendents and Assayers in charge are authorized to exercise their discretion in the matter of receipts of deposits at second hand, by express or mail, under such precautions as are above prescribed, and such further precautions as may be applicable to individual cases."

"In doubtful cases, Superintendents and Assayers in charge may decline to receive deposits, except directly."

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17th, 1888.

J. S. Dobyns, Esq.,
Room 3, 411 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 15th

instant, the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis has been instructed to receive deposits without waiting for the qualification of his successor.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17th, 1888.

William B. Dana & Co.
62 William Street
New York City.

Sir:

I enclose herewith an abstract of my report of the "Production of the Precious Metals in the United States for the Calendar Year 1887." This will not be given to the press before Friday, as I do not wish it to appear ahead of your regular issue of this week.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 17, 1888.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.,
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety two and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

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Telegram

Confirmed

July 17, 1888.

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety two and four tenths cents per ounce fine.

Jas. C. Kimball
Director, Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

July 18, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the Month of July, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $103.70, payable from the following appropriations

made for the support of your Office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries,	1889,	$ 231.70
Wages of Workmen and	1889	
Contingent Expenses,	1889	800.00

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 18, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find account of the "Picayune" for advertising for proposals for Supplies for the present fiscal year, amounting to $2 60, which sum is payable from the Appropriation for Contingent expenses for the year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

You will please forward without delay a statement showing the amount of Silver delivered by Clark, Dodge & Co. on their sale of 100,000 ounces and by the Boston & Colorado Smelting Company on sale of 50,000 ounces on the 26th ultimo at 92.7 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

The official bond of William A. Fleming, as Assayer's Computing Clerk of your mint was approved by the Secretary of the Treasury yesterday and has been referred to the office of the First Comptroller for file.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

July 19, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary, Refinery and Stand. Silver Dollar accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the Month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir.

Please forward "Cashiers Daily Statement" for June 30, 1888. If sent before, cannot be found, and no record of its receipt on the books of

this Office.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Refinery & S. S. Coll. Expense accounts for the month ending June 30, 1888; with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

July 19, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will please forward to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco six (6) pairs double eagle dies as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 20th, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St.

Louis, Mo. be increased on the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10000.) by a transfer of that amount in gold coin and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis by telegraph.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena for the 5 Month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 20th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 19th inst. transmitting Schedule of Awards for Supplies required for your institution for the twelve months ending June 30, 1889, the following awards are hereby approved.

Coal.

Anthony and Bryce @ $8.75 per ton
Coke. " 7.50 " "

Charcoal.

Green Hudson 2500 bushels " 0.06 " bush.

Wood.

J. M. Sloan. 30 cords " 2.08 " cord

Burwell & Dunn.

36 Battersea roasting dishes 7" 12.50
36 " " " 8" 29.25
24 " " " 9" 26.00

Aqua Ammonia

10 lbs. @ 14¢ 2, 5lb. bottles 50¢ 1.90

C.P. Nitric Acid

10 " @ 18¢ 2, 5lb. bottles 50¢ 2.30
600 " " 10¢ of best Refined Borax 60.00
150 " " 7½¢ of " " Nitre 11.25

C.P. Muriatic Acid.

10 " " 22¢ in 5 lb. bottles 50¢ 2.70
15 " " 10¢ Com. " " " 75¢ 2.25
50 " " 1¢ of Copperas .50
200 " " 8½¢ of Litharge 17.00

J. & H. Berge.

150 vice 300 Battersea Crucibles "G" 11.25
300 " " "E" 15.00
12 B.L. Crucibles 10½ x 8 #20 8.40
12 " Covers to fit 3.60
12 " Crucibles 9 x 6¾ #14 6.72
12 " Covers to fit 2.40
24 " Crucibles 6⅛ x 4⅞ #6 8.40
48 " Covers to fit 5.76
96 Clay Covers 4 in. dia. "Hessian" 3.36
96 " " 6 " " 7.00
12 4 in. Battersea roasting dishes 0.90
12 5 " " " 1.05

J. & H. Berge.

12, 6 in Battersea roasting dishes	$ 2.20
6 Boulter Muffles 14 in. x 7 in.	9.60
1000 Cupels J. & H. "Berge" 1/2 in.	40.00

delivered free at U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mon.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 14th instant in relation to Assayers Receipt Book I have to say that the Public Printer promises that it will be completed and delivered to-morrow. It will be promptly forwarded there will consequently be no necessity to authorize you to have them printed in your city.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 20, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense account for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9220

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo. by telegraph.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 20, 1888.

To the
Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company.
Keyser Building,
Baltimore, Md.

Gentlemen:

Your offers of the 17th instant to deliver to

the U. S. Mint at New Orleans, free of all charges, 40,000 pounds Best Refined Commercial Ingot Copper at 17 ¼ cents per lb. before Sept. 1, 1888, and to the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, free of all charges, 20000 pounds same quality of Copper at 17.8 cents per pound before January 1, 1889, are accepted.

Respectfully yours
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 20, 1888

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety two and one fifth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

July 20, 1888.

Telegram

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety-two and one fifth cents per ounce fine.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director, Mint.

July 20, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.
Jas. P. Kimball,
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24, Nassau St.
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Western National Bank,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay.
19 Wall Street.
New York.

July 21st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City Idaho to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Fifteen

Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Nine Dollars ($15,349.00-) in Gold Coin and Three Hundred and Fifty Five $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars ($355.$\frac{48}{100}$) in Silver Coin, making a total of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Four $\frac{48}{100}$ Dollars, ($15,704.48) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, as shown by Memorandum No. 59 dated July 13th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
Jas. A. Kimball
Director.

July 21st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir;

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred and Two $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, ($11,302.50) in Gold Coin, and Two Hundred and Fifty Four $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($254.02,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Six $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars, ($11,556.52,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City Idaho, as shown by Memorandum No. 46 dated July 12th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. A. Kimball
Director.

July 21st, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 46 dated July 12, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 6 dated June 30, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $11,589.55 charges $33.03, and net value 11,556.52. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 21st, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No 59, dated July 13, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No 1 dated July 7th, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $15,745.33 charges $40.85, and net value $15,704.48. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary and Refinery expense Accounts, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 21st, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th 1888, Assayer's report on gold deposit No. 119 is herewith returned for signature.

Referring to deposit No. 158, the fineness of the silver has been entered and calculated on the abstract sheets at 72 thousandths, instead of 92 thousandths, and the value of the silver entered as $1.69 instead of $2.235.

I return herewith the Assayer's report accompanying this deposit that you may see the fineness of the silver reported.

I await your explanation of this error.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 21st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at this Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company, 60000 Ounces, at $0.9220

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Supplemental Ordinary expense Account, with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I transmit herewith specimen coins of the Congo Free States forwarded for the cabinet of your mint by the Hon. Lambert

Tree, U. S. Minister at Brussels, through the Department of State. I will thank you to acknowledge receipt of the same.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 21st, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your communication of the 18th instant explaining the matter of the loss of 63 dwts. of gold referred to in a letter of Messrs. Price & Charters, has been received at this office, together with certain correspondence on the subject, and the affidavit of Mr. Hanna and Mr. Chapman.

The explanation which I sought at your hands related to the two conflicting statements which you made under dates of January 25th and March 17th, in the first of which you stated, in a letter to Colonel Bond, "I did not give the Express Company a receipt for the package in good order", and in the second: "the package came to this office in apparent good order * * * I receipted the ordinary express book."

But for this apparent conflict of statements by you the correspondence would leave no room for an imputation against your office, and the responsibility for any loss would be with the carriers, and without question.

The purpose of my reference of the letter of

Messrs. Price & Charters to you for explanation was solely directed to these two conflicting statements on your part, the discrepancy between them certainly justifying Price & Charters in their inquiries addressed to this Department, especially as your receipt may cut them off from recourse to the Carriers.

You seem to have brought this difficulty upon yourself first by receipting for the parcel without a sufficiently careful examination, the significance of the receipt, according to the Express Company, being as for a parcel in good order, and in the second place, denying any such significance to the receipt given by you. This, I suppose is what you mean when you deny giving the receipt as for a package in good order.

The receipt of packages by express is simply a matter of convenience to the public, and you are authorized by the Regulations to exercise your discretion as to the receipt of deposits by express or mail. If you decide to receive them you certainly have the right to examine the package carefully before a receipt is given to the Express Company, and should do so hereafter.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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July 21st, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30th, 1888, your attention is directed to the following errors, viz:

Deposit No. 73, the charge for melting, assaying and stamping should be 13 cents instead of 4 cents.

Deposit No. 80, the charge for melting assaying and stamping should be 13 cents instead of 9 cents.

Deposit No. 85 the charge for melting assaying and stamping should be 13 cents instead of 11 cents.

Deposit No. 89, the charge for melting, assaying and stamping should be 13 cents instead of 12 cents. making a total over-payment of 16 cents. Of this amount you have charged yourself with 7 cents being the error on the last three deposits. You will charge yourself, in your accounts for the current quarter, with 9 cents, the error on deposit No. 73.

Referring to deposit No. 74, 115 thousandths of Silver is entered on the abstract sheets; but not calculated. no Silver is entered on the assayer's report.

Assayer's report No. 80 is herewith returned for your signatures.

Deposit No. 85, the parting charge should have been 4 cents an ounce instead of 3 cents.

The total mint charges should be $1.26 instead of $1.20.

You will charge yourself in your accounts for the current quarter with the amount of this overpayment, 6 cents, debiting your coin account, and crediting collection account.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 21, 1888.

To the
Phoenix Manufacturing Company,
Taunton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, you are informed that the award for crucibles for the San Francisco Mint, has been approved.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 23rd, 1888

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena Montana be increased in the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars ($70000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York $50,000 and First National Bank Helena Mon. $20,000

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 23d, 1888

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at New Orleans be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 23d, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis Mo. be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, ($10,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

C. D. No. 52 for $46.00 being on account of bal. of appn for Wages of Workmen of your Mint, fiscal year 1888, inclosed in your communication of the 14th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Two similar letters, with exceptions as noted below, to same address.

C. D. No. 51, for $109.93
bal. of appro for Contingent Expenses of your Mint fiscal year 1888,

as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

C. D. No. 50, for $97.12
bal. of Salaries Appropriation of your Mint, fiscal year 1888,

to the credit of the above appropriation as a repayment.

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July 23, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

Herewith returned please find voucher No. 1. of your Petty Wages abstract for the month of May. In its present shape you cannot get credit for this voucher as a disbursement on account of ordinary expenses. The bill should be made out "For services as an Assistant in General Dept. 10 days @ 5.00 $50.00." See second paragraph of my letter of May 5 last. I will thank you to give this matter early attention.

Respectfully yours
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

July 23, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director.

July 23d, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office.
Helena, Mon.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Seventy Thousand Dollars, ($70,000) and that the same be placed to your credit as follows with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York: $50,000 and with First National Bank Helena, $20,000.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 23, 1888

Supt U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

+ + + + Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000)
— + at St. Louis, Mo. + +

July 23, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

C. D. No. 25 for $1374.45 being on account of bal. of approp'n for the coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, inclosed in your communication of the 19th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your S. S. Dollar accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, except as noted below, to same address.

C. D. No. 26 for $3236.20 bal. of appropriations of your Mint, fiscal year 1888, as follows: Salaries $78.35, Wages of Workmen $1324.81, Contingent Expenses $863.04, inclosed in your communication of the 19th instant, has been received, properly indorsed, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your Ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as repayments to the credit of the appropriations as above.

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July 23, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colo. for the Quarter ending June 30, 1888, rendered in one for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 23rd, 1888.

Hon. William M. Stewart,
United States Senate,
Washington.

Sir:

Replying to your request of the 21st instant, I send you herewith a revised Copy of the abstract of my report on the "Production of the Precious Metals, 1887", which is all I can spare, no copies for distribution having been printed.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 23, 1888

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Cannot anticipate action for 10 morrow.
Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint

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Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena Montand to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia of the sum of Sixty Four Thousand One Hundred and Fourteen $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($64,114.50) in Gold Coin, and Thirteen Hundred and Sixty Nine $\frac{52}{100}$ Dollars ($1,369.52) in Silver Coin, making a total of Sixty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Eighty Four $\frac{02}{100}$ Dollars ($65,484.02) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, as shown by Memorandum No. 113 dated July 20th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 24, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Replying to yours of the 23d July, I have to say that from the first I have been satisfied that there are no grounds for holding you responsible for the deficiency in the deposit in question. But I do not see that I can do anything to straighten the matter out. The whole matter is referred back to you for final disposition.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 24th, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:

Forward your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30th, at the earliest convenient moment.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters sent to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson Nev.

Sir:

Herewith returned for correction, please find the account Current, Abstract of Disbursements and Vouchers #37 and #40, pertaining to your Refinery Expence account for the month of June. Voucher #37 you will observe shows an overpayment of $100.00, and Vouch. #40, of $8.00, the correct amount being $104.00 Snot 112.00 as charged.

I will thank you to return the enclosures, corrected, as early as practicable.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. E. Kimball
Director.

July 24, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 113, dated July 20, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipments No. 1, 2 & 3 dated July 14, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $65,659.73, charges $175.71, and net value $65,484.02. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
Jas. E. Kimball
Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I return herewith your statement of silver delivered by the Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. on their sale of July 13th. I find upon examination that the letter of this Bureau advising of the price to be paid is erroneous, and should have been stated as $0.9280 instead of $1.0240. You will therefore settle for the silver sold by this company on the 13th instant at the rate of $0.9280 per ounce fine.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 24, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 23rd instant enclosing bids received for 73 barrels, Melter and Refiner's Sweeps has been received. The bid of Messrs. Howard and Möhle ($5,302.-) being the highest, your acceptance of the same is approved.

The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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Messrs. MacMillan & Co.
#112 Fourth Avenue,
New York.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to forward the following named books to this Bureau, at your earliest convenience, and subject to the same discounts that have been allowed on previous purchases.

Character & Logical method of Pol. Econ'y - Cairnes.
Guide to the Study of Pol. Econ'y Trans'd from Cossa.
Manual of Political Econ'y - Sixth Edition - Fawcett.
Money & Value - Rowland Hamilton.
Theory of Political Investigations in Currency and Finance, and Principles of Economics - by Jevons.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. C. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 24th, 1888.

Messrs. Price & Charters,
Attorneys at Law,
Dahlonega, Ga.

Gentlemen:

Touching the abstraction of 63 dwts. of gold from a package forwarded to the Assay Office at Charlotte, referred to in your communication of the 11th instant, I have received the explanation of Mr. Waring and examined the correspondence, and I am satisfied that the loss did not occur while the package was in the possession of the officials at Charlotte, and that they are in no way responsible for the loss.

The seeming conflict of statements made

by Mr. Waring in his letter of January 25th and in his letter of March 17th, both the former of which he states: "I did not give the Express Company a receipt for the package in good order" and in the latter: "The package came to this office in apparent good order * * * I receipted ~~for~~ the ordinary express book" is explained in his communication to Mr. Hand of March 17th, in that while he did receipt for the package in the ordinary receipt book, there being nothing to indicate, from a cursory examination of the package, that there was anything wrong with it, he immediately on the discovery of the condition of the interior of the package and the shortage, notified the express Company and took the proper steps to have the abstracted gold found if possible, or the abstraction located.

From the affidavit of Mr. Hanna, the assistant assayer, and Mr. Chapman, the janitor, which is before me, it appears that the large package was opened by Mr. Hanna in the presence of Mr. Chapman, and that no one had touched the package in the meantime; that the interior torn package was not opened until the Assayer was called in and was then opened, the loose gold gathered up and all weighed in the presence of Mr. Waring, Mr. Hanna and Mr. Chapman.

I do not see that any blame is to be attached to the officers at Charlotte in the matter, and your only recourse is against the carriers.

The coinage laws of the United States presume in all cases that transactions with depositors are in person, and the regulations

governing the Mint service do not require officers in charge of the mints and assay offices to receive deposits of bullion by express or mail, but leave the receipt of such deposits at their discretion. It would be a very serious responsibility to place on the officers of the Mint service to hold them responsible for the contents of packages by express or mail the verification of which is not possible except after the usual receipt to the express company.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 24th, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Clark, Dodge & Co.
57 Wall Street
New York.

Your offer declined. Will accept same for New Orleans at ninety-two and one fifth cents per ounce.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 24th, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

American Exchange National Bank
New York.

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

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Telegram

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

Jas. P. Kimball
Director Mint.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harriman,
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Western National Bank,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay.
11 Wall Street,
New York.

July 25, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement the Medal Fund account of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the

Quarter ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Supl. Ordinary & Std. Sil. Dollar Accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans for the year ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

Understanding that you have a quantity of charcoal for which there will be no further use, you are authorized to invite by circular bids from local consumers and, if you are not likely to have further use for it, sell it to the highest bidder, expecting to realize at least substantially cost.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Sir:

Referring to yours of the 18th, I am afraid that your suggested improvements are of the same kind as I have previously had occasion to decline to authorize.

The gates rather commend themselves to my judgment, as adding at least to the comfort if not to the safety of the building, and are therefore authorized, at a cost not exceeding thirty dollars for each door. I will advise you further as to the window guards and floor on receiving a specification of their exact cost.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement your Supt., Ordinary and Std. Sil. Dollar accounts for the year ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Medal Fund account for the Quarter ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

Referring to yours of July 17 the action of this Bureau in the matter of the repair of the boiler foundations was in view of an emergency involving the safety of the boilers and even human life. But as the repairs are not undertaken by the Supervising Architect I do not think it worth while to undertake to reimburse the cost of this work from the appropriation for Repair of public buildings. As the damage was in large part from the acid from the refinery, I think the expense will be properly borne from the refinery fund.

With regard to the employment of the services of a civil engineer I have to say that no such engagement should have been entered into without special authority.

I cannot undertake to pass upon the

question of his employment until it shall appear what the cost of his services will be in ratio of the work executed. The Government has an architect in San Francisco who would have been the proper person to have called in, in which case the whole would probably have been undertaken by the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 25, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 17th of July I have to say that I regret the embarrassment to you of the indecision of Mr. Nicholson as to his acceptance of the position now held by you. As your removal is subject to the qualification of your successor it need not have been sent to you, and if nothing is heard from Mr. Nicholson within a few days I may ask you to return it and consider it as not having been served.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Returning herewith letter of Senator Pasco dated 20th instant, I have the honor to transmit copies of communications of record

in this Bureau explaining the official status at the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, North Carolina, from July 1, 1875 & October 6, 1876 of Calvin J. Cowles and George B. Hanna, for whose relief a bill (S. 2970) has been introduced in the Senate.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In compliance with circular letter of the 25th instant, I have the honor to report that no watchman, Messenger, Assistant messenger, Laborer, Cabinet maker, or detailed employe is at this time performing clerical duty in the Bureau of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 26th, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. for the months ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

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July 26th, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Bullion accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N. C. for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, rendered Due me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, except as here noted, to same address.

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July 26th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Corrected Assayer's report No. 158, forwarded in your letter of the 23rd instant, is herewith returned for your signature.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your account for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

July 26, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir.

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting Officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Assayer, Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

July 26, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Before taking action upon your Ordinary expense account for the month of June, I will thank you to explain the circumstances attending the illness of your Clerk, Geo. A. Rex. This employé has been in the service less than a year and if his disability is not the result of overwork, or rather cause incident to the service required of him, he should not have been paid the second months salary on Surgeons certificate. It is pretty certain the auditing Officers will take this view of the matter and disallow the payment no matter what my action, unless there are circumstances connected with the case in regard to which I am without information. I will thank you to give this your earliest attention as your account is held pending your reply.

Respectfully Yours,
Jas. D. Kimball
Director.

July 26th, 1888.

Assayer, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 24th instant, I would say for your information that deposits of prior quarters unpaid, and paid during a current quarter, should not be entered again on abstract sheets but should be entered on an abstract giving only the number

and value of the deposit and the mode of payment.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

July 26th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:

The practice of adopting crucibles according to the preference of melters as heretofore sanctioned by this Bureau, leads to much contention on the part of manufacturers whenever other than the lowest bid is accepted.

The crucibles hitherto successfully employed in the Mint Service of the United States are made by the following concerns:

Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N. J.
Phoenix Manufacturing Co.,
Taunton, Mass., and
R. J. Taylor and Sons,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Hereafter the lowest bid from any of these makers of approved crucibles, when guaranteed as to quality and endurance will be accepted subject to such guaranty.

Respectfully yours,
Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.

Similar letters to the following addresses:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

See next page:

Similar to letter on preceding page:

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Denver, Colo.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mont.,

Supt. U.S. Assay Office,
New York City, N.Y.,

Supt. U.S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dixon Crucible Co.,
Jersey City, N.J.

Phoenix Manufacturing Co.
Taunton, Mass.

R.J. Taylor and Sons,
Philadelphia, Pa

Assayer in Charge, U.S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

July 27, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Expense accounts of the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver for the two months ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment, as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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July 27, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City I. T.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary Expense Account, with Abstract and Vouchers, for the Month ending June 30, 1888. Balances should be deposited to the credit of the appropriations to which they pertain.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

July 27th, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

Your statement of earnings and expenditures for the quarter ended June 30th, 1888, is herewith returned for correction. According to your bullion and coin accounts as rendered, the charge for melting, assaying

and stamping collected during the quarter amounted to $60.23.
You have the amount entered on this statement as $60.40.
The value of the grains, fluxes and sweepings according to your accounts was $67.09, namely $65.19 gold and $1.90 silver. You have the amount entered on this statement as $66.92.
You will please forward a corrected statement, returning the one herewith enclosed.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:
I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary Expense accounts for the 2 months ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

July 27th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:
Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, for the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, to the

rates and for the amounts respectively named which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman 100,000 Ounces, at $.9235
Fourth National Bank, 40000 Ounces, at $.9225

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27th, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint.
San Francisco. California.

Confirmed.

Ascertain and report by wire to-morrow the lowest rate at which you can purchase two hundred and fifty thousand ounces fine silver deliverable at your mint within ten days.

R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

July 27, 1888.

Messrs.
Wells Fargo & Co.
#63 Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant, you are informed that offers of silver for sale to the government, are received Tuesdays and Fridays of each week up to 10 o'Clock A.M. The offers can be made either by letter or telegraph and are accepted or declined by wire.

The silver is required to be delivered at the Mint free of expence to the Government.

and is settled for on the basis of 1000 fine at the price agreed upon.

Payments for silver purchased in lots of 50,000 ounces are made by draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, as soon as the value of the shipment has been determined by melt and assay.

I send you by current mail blank invoices to be used in shipping silver to the mints. I also enclose circular of the Secretary of the Treasury covering the purchase of silver. Offers should be addressed to the Director of the Mint.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 27th, 1888.

Telegram

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Confirmed

Your offer declined, will accept Panne for New Orleans at Ninety two and one quarter cents per ounce.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51, Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram

Confirmed

July 27, 1888.

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Telegram

Confirmed

July 27th, 1888

Zimmermann & Forshay,
11 Wall Street, New York.

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Telegram

July 27th, 1888.

Dr. J. P. Kimball,
Union Club,
New York.

Purchased one hundred and eighty-five thousand ounces to-day.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1888.

Hon. C. J. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy eight $^{00}/_{100}$ Dollars, ($44,278.00) in Gold Coin, and Four Hundred and Twenty Eight $^{46}/_{100}$ Dollars ($428.46) in Silver Coin, making a total of Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Six $^{46}/_{100}$ Dollars, ($44706.46) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver Col., as shown by Memorandum No. 123 dated July 23d, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 28, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the Ordinary Refinery, S. S. Dollar, & Statistical accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco for the month ending June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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July 28th, 1888.

Henry L. Muldrow Esq.
Asst. Secretary of Interior.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

Acknowledging the receipt of volume No. 126 of the United States Reports, October term 1887, I beg to say that volume No. 125 has not been received at this Bureau. In order that the set may not be broken I beg that you will send it.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28th, 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint
Denver Col.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 123, dated July 23d, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2 dated July 18th, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $44,817.50, charges $111.04, and net value $44,706.46. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 28th, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day at the Department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the dates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 45,000 Ounces, at $0.9225

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Upon the Statement contained in your letter of the 24th instant, as to the amount of Water used daily by your Mint, you are authorized to contract with the Water Works Co. of your city, to supply the Mint during the current fiscal year at a cost not to exceed $1500. per annum, as recommended by you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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July 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have examined, and referred to the proper accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement, your Ordinary, Refinery, S. S. Dollar & Statistical accounts for the month ending June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 28th, 1888.

Telegram

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Draft mailed on twenty fourth instant.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 28, 1888.

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

No bids having been received by you in response to your advertisement inviting proposals for supplies required by your Office during the current fiscal year, you are authorized to purchase the same in open market, taking care to obtain the lowest rates for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

Referring to your reference, dated 6th instant, of a request of the Court of Claims for information showing why watchmen and certain other former employees of the U. S. Mint at New Orleans have not been compensated for alleged extra time, I have to state that allowances for so-called "over-time" (in excess of eight hours a day) are passed upon in this Bureau when first credited at the several mints in columns provided for the purpose on the monthly pay-rolls. No such credits in favor of the claimants in the Court of Claims having appeared on the pay-rolls of the Mint at New Orleans submitted for approval, the question as to whether these employees were entitled to more compensation than they received, and receipted for did not have to be considered during the period of their employment.

Herewith I enclose the requested copy of letter of the Director of the Mint to Mr. S. V. Niles, dated April 21, 1885.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 30th, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, California.

Confirmed

Offers of Selby Company and Meyers accepted. Will accept Two Hundred Thousand from Anglo-California Bank at ninety-two

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and a quarter. Payment by draft on New York.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 21st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City be increased in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 21st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City. Ida

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars, ($50000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter, except as to amount, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

One Million Dollars, ($1,000,000.-)

July 31, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Mint
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Rocky Mountain News for advertising for proposals for supplies, amounting to $7.00 and payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your mint fiscal year 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director

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Supt. U. S. Mint.
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

Referring to your communication of the 25th instant, relative to the distance to Tavares, Florida, the distance, as verified by the Post Office Department is 689 Miles.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 31, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The Public Printer being unable to supply the books requested in your letter of the 30th inst. in time to meet the necessities of your mint, you are authorized to have them made in your city. Please refer to this letter on face of voucher, Gamble returned.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 31st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Nesslage-Colgate & Co., 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9245
Handy & Harman, 200,000 Ounces, at $0.9240
Fourth National Bank, 30,000 Ounces, at $0.9240

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

July 31, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the Department for examination and settlement a bill of the Alta Californian for advertising for proposals for supplies, amounting to $41.28 and payable from the appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint, fiscal year 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

July 31st, 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed

Does Meyers require payment by draft on New York?

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

July 31, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Clark Dodge & Co.
51 Wall St.,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmerman & Forshay
11 Wall Street, New York.

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Telegram

Messlage, Colgate & Co.,
29 Wall Street, New York

Confirmed

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

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Telegram

Fourth National Bank.
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to:

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall St. New York

August 1st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N. C. be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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August 1st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Bullion Fund of the United States Mint at San Francisco be increased in the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1st, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith three (3) gold and nine (9) Silver life-saving medals struck in compliance with your request of the 9th ultimo.

I also enclose the account of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the same, amounting to $157.75 for which sum I will thank you to cause a draft to be forwarded him under cover to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

The letter sent you yesterday acknowledging the receipt of your Bullion Accounts for June 30th, was intended for the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

The following coins reserved at your Mint for assay during the month of July, have been received, viz:

Two (2)	Double Eagles	$ 40.—
Ten (10)	Standard Silver Dollars	10.—
Twenty (20)	Dimes	2.—
	Total Value	52.—

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1, 1888

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have received the three (3) gold and nine (9) Silver life saving medals forwarded by you on the 21st instant. I enclose herewith vouchers in duplicate, which I will thank you to sign

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and return as it will facilitate the payment of your account for these medals very much.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 1st, 1888.

Telegram Confirmed

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

One hundred thousand dollars placed to your credit at New York To-day.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 1st, 1888.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888.

Very Respectfully,
R. E. Preston.
Acting Director.

August 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

I have this day approved and relessed to the proper accounting officers of the Department two bills of the Argus Company for subscription from January 1, 1887 to July 1st 1888, amounting to $15.00, and payable from the appropriations for con-

-tingent expenses of your Mint, as follows:
From 1887 $5.00 / From 1888 $10.00
Please find duplicate bills herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 1st, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir:

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your Institution be increased by a transfer of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, ($100,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Similar letter except as to amount, addressed to:

Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Twenty Thousand Dollars, ($20,000.-)

August 2nd 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the U. S.

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Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Twenty Thousand and Fifty Two $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, ($20,052.50) in Gold Coin, and Three Hundred and Seventeen $\frac{87}{100}$ Dollars ($317.87,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy $\frac{37}{100}$ Dollars ($20,370 $\frac{37}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by Memorandum No. 165 dated July 28th, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 2d 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Six $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,496.50) in Gold Coin, and One Hundred and Seventy Seven $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($177.68,) in Silver Coin, making a total of Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Four $\frac{18}{100}$ Dollars, ($10,674.$\frac{18}{100}$,) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., as shown by Memorandum No. 172 dated July 31st, 1888, of Gold Bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Carson City.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 165, dated July 28, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 2, dated July 21st, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value found to be $2042.0.40, charges $50.03, and net value $20,370.37. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 2nd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson City, Nev.

Sir:

Referring to your monthly dispatches covering the information required on form No. 266, it will not be necessary for you to telegraph hereafter, the balance of bullion on hand at the close of the month, but only the Standard weight of the United States coins, if any, deposited for re-coinage during the month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

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Assayer, U. S. Mint,
Denver, Colo.

Sir:

Understanding that you have a quantity of gold and silver in the shape of base bars recovered from broken crucibles and other old material, you are instructed to ship the same to the Mint at Philadelphia, charging your gold bullion account with the amount of gold contained, and your silver bullion account with the amount of silver bullion contained, and entering the whole as a profit in your profit and loss account.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 2nd, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You will coin as many silver dollars as practicable during the month of August.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter, addressed to:

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 2nd, 1888.

Telegram.

Confirmed.

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco,
California.

What progress has been made in preparation of statement of Silver purchased, called for in letter of May tenth?

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 2, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:

Deposit Memorandum No. 172, dated July 30, 1888 of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 68, dated July 30th, 1888 has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $10,702.99, Charges $28.81, and net value $10,674.18. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your Institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3rd 1888.

Assayer in Charge U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:

It will be necessary for you to send sample page of Receipt book of Gold Bullion (No. 7. S.)

before requisition can be made for same.
A description of the book as to number of leaves, receipts to each page, whether to be perforated, with stubs, or not and how to be bound should be plainly written upon the sample. All the other blanks requested in your letter of the 26th ultimo except Form #266 (for which sample should also be forwarded) have been sent to you.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans.

Sir:

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, for the Department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark Dodge & Co. 100,000 Ounces, at $0.9210
Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company 55,000 Ounces, at $0.9210

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letter except as here noted, addressed to:
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Handy & Harman, 25,000 Ounces, at $0.9204
Fourth National Bank 40,000 Ounces, at $0.9200

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Telegram

Confirmed

Superintendent Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Assistant Treasurer at New York instructed by today's mail to place one million dollars to your credit. you can draw against it.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, enclosing bids received for five (5) barrels Coiner's Sweeps, you are authorized to accept the bid of E. Balbach & Son $1,095.68 the same being the highest. The bids are returned herewith.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith find the account of the "Record" amounting to $40- for advertising for proposals for supplies required for your Mint during the current fiscal year, and which sum is payable from your appropriation for contingent expenses, fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Referring to your Ordinary accounts for the month of June your attention is called to the fact that two vouchers pertaining to, and necessary to complete, them are missing therefrom one a payroll amounting to $2220.50 paid from the appropriation for Wages of Workmen, the other amounting to $216.50 paid from the Standard Silver Dollar appropriation. Are these rolls still purposely retained in your possession or have they been overlooked? I will thank you to cause them to be forwarded at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Ordinary, Refinery, S. S. Dol. Coinage & Storage & Kind of Steam Power Plant Accounts with Abstracts and Vouchers, for the month ending July 31st, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3d, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Bullion Accounts, Abstracts and Vouchers, for the Quarter ending June 30th, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3d 1888.

Telegram

Superintendent Mint,
San Francisco.

Confirmed

Meyer's offer declined.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3d, 1888.

Telegram

American Exchange National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed

Your offer declined.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to:

Zimmermann & Forshay.
11 Wall Street
New York.

August 3rd, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Boston & Colorado Smelting Co.
Denver, Colorado.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans at ninety-two and one-tenth cents.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3d, 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Clark Dodge & Company.
51 Wall Street.
New York.

Your offer accepted for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3d 1888.

Telegram

Confirmed

Fourth National Bank
New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 3rd, 1888

Telegram

Confirmed.

Handy & Harman.
24 Nassau Street
New York.

Your offer accepted.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

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Hon. O. H. Platt,
United States Senate,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 2nd instant, the only statement in regard to circulation issued by this Bureau recently was contained in an abstract of the report on the Production of the Precious Metals in the United States" covering the calendar year 1887, recently submitted to Congress.

The portion relating to the circulation was as follows: "The Director estimates the total metallic stock in the United States on the 1st of June 1888 to have been -

Gold Coin	$592,129,702	
Gold Bullion in the Mints	114,710,817	
Total Gold		$706,840,519
Silver dollars	297,099,790	
Subsidiary coin	76,400,842	
Silver bullion in the Mints	10,154,905	
Total Silver		383,655,537
Total gold and Silver		$1,090,496,056"

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1888.

B. A. Lewis, Esq.
Prescott,
Kansas,

Sir:-

Replying to your postal of the 31st ultimo, you are informed that silver is

still coined at the mints of the United States on government account, the coinage of silver since 1885 having consisted of $32,086,709.90 in 1886 and $35,191,081.40 in 1887.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1888.

Mr. A. J. Robertson,
1337 Third Avenue,
New York City,

Sir:-

Yours of July 28 enclosing draft for fifty dollars in new pennies was duly received and forwarded to the present address of the Director of the Mint, the draft being payable to his personal order. The draft has this morning been returned by the Director and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, to whom all remittances for minor coins should be sent direct.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the sum of $165,000 to be deposited in the Treasury of the

U. S. in your name on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars, and that the Bullion fund of your mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, the sum of One Hundred and Sixty Five Thousand Dollars ($165,000.-) on account of profits on the coinage of standard silver dollars and that the Bullion fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $25,000.-, payable from the following appropriations

made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$4,000.00
Wages of Workmen	1889	16,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1889	5,000.00

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letters similar except as to amounts to

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

$231.70

Salaries 1889 ——— $231.70

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York.

$8,800.00

Salaries	1889	$5,000.00
Wages of Workmen	1889	3,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1889	800.00

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Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 4, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with-abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $8,000. to meet the expenses of the refinery in connection with your institution during the present month, payable from the appropriation for "Parting and refining Bullion".

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 4, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum, No 181, dated July 31, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States

Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 3, dated July 27, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value found to be $45,575.42, charged $114.43 and net value $45,460.99. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 4, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty Five Thousand and Fifty Nine 50/100 Dollars ($45,059.50) in gold coin and Four Hundred and one 49/100 Dollars ($401.49) in silver coin, making a total of Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty 99/100 Dollars ($45,460.99) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Col. as shown by Memorandum No 181, dated July 31, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

C/S, No. 322 for $199.27 being on account of charges enclosed in your communication of the 30th ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Four (4) letters to same address, similar with the following exceptions;

C/S, No. 323 for $36.40 + + + sweeps + + + +

C/S, No. 325 for $61.50 + + + bullion assays + + + no personal credit + + + accounts + + + + +

Forward the usual statement to accompany C/S.

C/S, No. 340 for $393.55 + + + gain in charges + + + + + + +

C/S, No. 341 for $416.45 + + + gain on assays + + + + + + + + + + + + +

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts, abstracts and vouchers for the quarter ended June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 6, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at Helena, Montana, be increased in the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and

that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution as follows, with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York $50,000.-
With First National Bank of Helena, $25,000.-

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana,

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars ($75,000.-) and that the same be placed to your

credit- as follows with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York $50,000:- and $25,000:- with First National Bank at Helena, Montana.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 6, 1888.

Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000:-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 6, 1888.

H. S. Jackson, Esq.
#90 Waltham Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 28th ult. instant requesting information as to medal sent to Mrs. Frisbie, widow of Josiah P. Frisbie, you are informed that the Treasury Department has no knowledge or record of any medal sent to Mrs. Frisbie.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $25-00 cts, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$1,000.-
Wages of Workmen	1889	1,000.-
Contingent Expenses	1889	500.-

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Letter, similar with exceptions as noted, to
Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

$1494.80

Salaries	1889	$994.80
Wages of Workmen	1889	200.-
Contingent Expenses	1889	

August 6, 1888.

Mr. Selden R. Hopkins,
#280 Broadway, New York City,

Sir:-

Answering yours of July 28 (forwarded

to the present address of the Director of the Mint and by him returned for reply post this Bureau, I have to inform you that a bill to authorize new designs for United States coins was by Senator Morrill introduced in the Senate March 15, 1888, and is still pending in Congress. For the present, therefore, designs and sketches will not be received.

By current mail will be sent you pamphlet-copy of the bill and accompanying correspondence, and also, as requested, copy of the last annual Department Circular of estimates of values of foreign coins.

Respectfully yours,

R. E. Preston,

Acting Director of the Mint.

August 6, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,

New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, Assayer's Reports on gold deposits, numbers 152 and 153 are herewith returned for his signature.

Referring to gold deposit number 139, it seems that you have issued a duplicate Mint Receipt upon an affidavit of the depositor that the original receipt was lost or stolen from him. There is no authority of law or regulation for the issue of a duplicate Mint Receipt. The proper course upon notification by the depositor that his receipt has been lost, is to require him, in addition to an affidavit-

to that effect, to execute a bond of indemnity, with good and sufficient sureties, in double the amount of the value of the deposit; and such bond, with the affidavit, constitutes a voucher in lieu of the Mint Receipt to accompany the certificate of payment with your accounts.

The payment of this deposit will therefore be suspended until the proper bond of indemnity is received and the duplicate Mint Receipt No. 139 is herewith returned to you.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1888.

Telegram

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York,

Your offer accepted,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

August 7, 1888.

Telegram.

Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams sent to

Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Heidage, Colgate & Co.
29 Wall Street
New York.

J. Zimmermann & Forshay
11 Wall St. New York.

Augusk 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Referring to shipment No. 7, of gold bullion from your office to the Mint at Philadelphia, your attention is directed to an error of $1,000.- in the net value of the bullion shipped.

The amount is reported as $15,135.80 but corrected, should be $16,135.80.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Augusk 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith medal fund vouchers signed in duplicate for gold and silver life saving medals forwarded by you on the 31st ultimo.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties,

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at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman — 100,000 ounces at $0.9205:

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $42,500- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$4,500.
Wages of Workmen	1889	30,000
Contingent Expenses	1889	8,000

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 7, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have this day requested the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be advanced you the sum of $12,000. from the appropriation for the coinage of standard silver dollars, to meet,

in part, the expenses of your mint, on account of that coinage during the current month.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

It has been the practice at your institution to make a number of shipments of bullion to the mint at Philadelphia on the same day, treating each lot as a separate shipment.

In future, where a number of bars are shipped on the same day, treat the same as one shipment instead of as heretofore. The mint renders but one memorandum, covering shipments made by you on the same day and for this reason it is important that the shipments should be embraced in one lot.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 7, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte, N. C.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum, No. 189, dated Aug. 2, 1888, of gold bullion

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forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 7 dated July 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $16,235.51, charges $32.36 and net value $16,203.15. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 7, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte to that of the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Nineteen Dollars ($16,119.) in gold coin and Eighty-Four 15/100 Dollars ($84.15) in silver coin, making a total of Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Three 15/100 Dollars ($16,203.15) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Charlotte, as shown by Memorandum No. 189, dated August 2, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 8, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary and refinery expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 8, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

Before the envelopes requested in your letter of the 30th ultimo can be furnished, it will be necessary for you to make requisition on the regular form for stationery. The item should be embraced in your regular semi-annual requisition, which should be made as near the 1st of July each year as practicable. I enclose a blank requisition, the instructions upon which you will please note and carefully observe.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 8, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

C/S, No. 33 for $1583.43, being on account of gain on bullion shipped the mint disclosed in your communication of the ____ has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury. Personal credit to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a "miscellaneous receipt."

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Give (5) letters to same address, similar with exceptions as noted below,

C/S, No. 279 for $10.- + + + bullion assays + + + no personal credit- + + + accounts + + + + + +

C/S, No. 280 for $34.38 + + + gain on charges + + + + +

C/S, No. 281 for $1.- + + + old material accounts + + + + +

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

C/T, No. 348, for $3.38 being on account of bal. of wages and contingent exp. Assay Office at Boise, 1888, enclosed in your communication of the 1st instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given you in your ordinary accounts, and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letter to same address, similar with exceptions as follows:

C/T, No. 349 for $209.24 + + + bal. of deficiency appn for wages, Assay Office Boise City, 1888, + + +

into the compartment used for the storage of coal," the Supervising Architect having informed this Bureau that the "work can be performed without damage or detriment to the building." The expense will be paid from the appropriation for contingent expenses of the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 8, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

Referring to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, you are instructed that in cases where deposits are made at your institution by a person or bank returnable to another person or bank, or in cases where the deposits are made by a mining company the proceeds to be returned to a bank, you will enter such deposits on your abstract sheets and on the certificates of payment, as well as the Mint Receipts, in the name of the party to whom the proceeds are to be paid.

You will understand of course, that this will not apply to deposits sent by mail or express to be returned to yourself. Nor will it in any way interfere with the keeping of your register of statistics showing the mines producing the bullion deposited.

In a great many cases of deposits at your institution the proceeds are to be returned to parties other than the depositor, which is an irregular way of doing business and it will be better to have the deposit made by the person or firm to whom the proceeds are payable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 9, 1888.

H. S. Jackson, Esq.
#90 Waltham Street,
Boston, Mass.

Sir:-

Referring to letter from this Bureau of the 6th inst. in reply to inquiry as to medal sent to Mrs. Frisbie, I find upon examination of press copy of the same, that my signature was inadvertently omitted.

omitted.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 9, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $2,000.-, payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$600.-
Wages of Workmen	1889	1200.-
Contingent Expenses	1889	200.-

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letters similar except as noted, to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

$7,200.-

Salaries	$1,700.-
Wages of Workmen	$3,000.-
Contingent Expenses	$500.-
Parting and Refining Bullion	$2,000
	$7,200

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

$15,700.-

Salaries	$2,700.-
Wages of Workmen	10,000.-
Contingent Expenses	3,000.-
	15,700.-

August 9, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at First National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 9, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Mint at Denver be increased in the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars ($200,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the

same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the First National and Denver National Banks, Denver, Col.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 10, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Order applies only to Executive Departments, Washington.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

August 10, 1888.

Telegram.

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York,

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

August 10, 1888.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company,
Denver, Colorado

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces at ninety two & eight hundredths cents accepted for New Orleans.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Telegram.

Fourth National Bank,
New York,

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Keelage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Nassau Street,
New York.

August 10, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company — 50,000 ounces at $0.9208.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar except as to parties and amounts, to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Handy & Harman — 175,000 ounces at $0.9208
J. & W. Seligman & Co. — 100,000 ounces at 0.9205-

August 10, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 203, dated Aug. 4, 1888, of Gold Bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4, dated July 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $34,708.61, charges $88.69 and net value $34,619.92. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 10, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the Bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy One 50/100 Dollars ($34,271.50/100) in gold coin and Three Hundred and Forty Eight 42/100 Dollars ($348.42) in silver coin, making a total of Thirty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Nineteen 92/100 Dollars ($34,619.92) being the net value of Bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at

Denver, as shown by memorandum No. 203, dated Aug. 4, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 10, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

The Press Copying book requested in your letter of the 4th inst. cannot be sent to you without a requisition upon the regular Stationery Bank, it being classed as Stationery and not as a Bank book. I enclose the necessary Bank and if you have not yet made requisition for the current six months you had better embrace all stationery required. Please note instructions on Bank.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 10, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

Referring to your Bullion and Coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, you are instructed that it is not proper for the assay reports or mint receipts or any of the vouchers to be signed "H. F. Wild, per Geo. A. Rahm". When you are

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not present to sign, Mr. Rahm, or whoever you may designate, should sign as Acting Assayer in charge.

The propriety of stamping the name of Alfred Eoff, or of any person or firm, on the face of a Mint Receipt is questionable, and it would be better to have the name written, as in other cases.

In cases where deposits are made by an individual or firm returnable to some other individual or firm, the deposit should be entered on the abstract sheets and the certificate of payment and the mint receipt in the name of the person or firm to whom the proceeds are payable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your bullion accounts with abstracts and vouchers, for the quarter ended June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

P.S. You failed to prepay the expressage on the box containing these accounts. You will pay the same and cause notice thereof to be given the agent of the express company in this city.

E. O. L.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have received your letter of the 10th instant requesting authority to accept from Joseph Wharton 75,000 pounds of bronze one cent blanks, the balance due under his contract of October 25, 1887 for 300,000 pounds at 2s.6s- cents per pound. For the reasons stated in your letter you are authorized to receive the 75,000 pounds from Mr. Wharton due on contract above mentioned.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1888.

S. Guthrie, Esq.,
Room 91 Corcoran Building,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have this day approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the dept. for adjustment, two bills of the Union Pacific R.R. for the transportation, in June last, of one passenger from Omaha to Cheyenne $40.00 and from Cheyenne to Denver and return $7.60.

Respectfully yours
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 214, dated Aug. 7, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 3, dated July 31, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $14,951 52/100, charges $37 4/100 and net value $14,914 44/100. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Letter, similar with exceptions as noted below, to

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Deposit Memorandum No. 212; + + + + + + + + + shipments Nos. 4, 5, 6 & 7 + + + + + + + + +

of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five Dollars ($14,665.--) in gold coin and Two Hundred and Forty Nine 11/100 Dollars ($249 11/100) in silver coin, making a total of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen 11/100 Dollars ($14,914.11) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise as shown by memorandum No. 214, dated Aug. 7, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letter to same address, similar with exceptions as noted below.

+ + + + + + + Assay Office at Helena
+ + + + + $45,197.-- + + + $398.89 + +
+ + + + + + + + $45,596.89 + + + +
+ + + + Memorandum No. 212 + + + +
+ + + + + + + + + + + + +

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Messrs. Nesslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York City.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant, enclosing a slip from the Commercial Advertiser of August 9 to the effect that the Treasury Department was not buying monthly, the amount of silver required by law, I would state that the amount of silver contracted for in July was over two million dollars' worth, every ounce of which has been delivered & paid for & that the department will continue to purchase at the rate of at least $2,000,000 worth monthly.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 13, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

Herewith returned please find bonds of Hickersham, Howry & Pettit of your office. These bonds should be executed before a United States Judge or Clerk of a Court of Record and each should be accompanied by two affidavits of surety.

The necessary blanks for new bonds will be found enclosed. In making them up the instructions contained in foot notes must be closely followed,

otherwise they will not be approved by the department.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 14, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,

Confirmed.

Hold sweeps for the present; pay wastage from surplus bullion. Letter by mail.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director, Mint.

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Telegram.

Fourth National Bank,
New York,

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to
Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Messlage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York.

August 14, 1888.

Telegram.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at Ninety two and ten hundredths cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 14, 1888.

Mr. Israel C. Langdon,
#197 Fulton Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:-

Herewith are returned to you the Pension Certificate, two Army Discharges and Badge which accompanied your letter of July 18 to the President.

After inquiry into the matter, it is not believed that the circumstances under which your services as watchman at the U. S. Assay Office in New York City were discontinued, require action by this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1888.

Joseph Clendennin, Jr.
Secretary Balt. Copper Smelting and Rolling Co. Baltimore, Md.

Sir:-

Your account for 20,000 lbs.

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of Angot Copper shipped the U. S. Mint at New Orleans on the 10th instant, has been transmitted to the Superintendent of that institution with instructions to forward you a draft on New York for the amount $3,450.- upon receipt of the copper.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find the account, receipted in duplicate, of the Baltimore Copper Smelting and Rolling Company for 20,000 lbs. of Angot Copper, amounting to $3,450.-. The copper is to be delivered at your mint, free of cost. When received, you will remit the company a draft on New York for the amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have to-day approved and referred to the accounting officers of the department for adjustment and settlement, a bill of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, amounting to $122.76

Telegr

Boston

for the manufacture of six pairs of double eagle dies for the use of your Mint, payable from appropriations of your Mint as follows:

Wages of Workmen — 1889 — $116.64
Contingent Expenses do 6.12

Respectfully yours.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have this day approved your bill, amounting to $122.76 for the manufacture of six pairs of double eagle dies for the use of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco. The amount to be covered by transfer warrant to the credit of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, as follows:

Wages of Workmen, 1889 ——— $116.64
Contingent Expenses do. 6.12

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 14, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively

named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Seselags, Colgate & Co. — 100,000 ounces at $0.921
Fourth National Bank — 30,000 ounces at 0.921
Handy & Harman — 200,000 ounces at 0.921.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar except as to party and amount, to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.
Clark, Dodge & Co. — 100,000 ounces at $0.921.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I return herewith your statement of silver purchased in July, for correction. You give the amount of partings as 365-9.02 st. oz. and carry the same into the fine ounce column as 35-60.41. If the number of standard ounces is correct, there would be 3293.12 fine ounces and at the rate you were authorized to pay for partings in July, the cost of the same would be $3,000.40 and not $3,243.94, as stated.

Please make the necessary correction and return to the Bureau without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Replying to your communication of the 24th ultimo relative to the sale of the sweeps which accrued during the fiscal year 1888, I telegraphed you to-day to hold the sweeps and to pay the wastages from surplus bullion.

I agree with you that the offer of Daniel Meyer is not satisfactory and that it will be better to hold the sweeps until other bidders may have an opportunity to test them and to bid at these.

In regard to the reimbursement of the loss on the sweeps when sold, you can either retain the value of the balance of the surplus bullion in your hands, with which to pay the loss, or you can deposit it in the Treasury and the loss can be paid from the proper appropriations after the sweeps are sold.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the ordinary and refinery expense accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nev. for the month ended

June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your ordinary & refinery expense accounts for the month ended June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 15, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary expense account with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 15, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

(see next page)

See page 183.

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $890.- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your office during the current fiscal year, viz:

Salaries	1889	$280.-
Wages of Workmen	1889	460.-
Contingent Expenses		
Repairs of Build'g & grounds	1889	150.-
		890.-

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

April 15, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the account of the Adams Express Company for the transportation of minor coins re-issued in July, amounting to $180.- in order that you may attach your signature to the certificate as required by the department.

Please sign and return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Your statement of domestic production, form No. 61, is returned herewith with the request that you insert the name of your institution and the month for which it is intended.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 16, 1888.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary, refinery and standard silver dollar expense accounts with abstracts and vouchers for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

The following coins received during the month of July and forwarded to this Bureau for Assay, have been received, viz:

Twelve (12) Double Eagles ——— $240.-

Eight (8) Eagles ——— $80.-
Two (2) Standard Silver Dollars ——— 2.-
Total Value ——— $322.-

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent, Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Confirmed.

Certificates of deposit mentioned in letter of July twenty first not received. Have they been overlooked?

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

Telegram.

Supt. Mint,
Philadelphia

Leech will reach Philadelphia about seven this evening by limited. Inform Dr. Tuttle. He will be at mint tomorrow.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of one million dollars

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($1,000,000.) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 7th instant, in reference to discrepancies between your institution and the mint at Philadelphia in the assays of shipment No. 2, as shown by memorandum 123 of the latter institution, I enclose herewith copy of a letter from the Assayer of the mint at Philadelphia, from which it will appear that the discrepancies in the assays were noticed at that institution, and re-assays made to rectify, if possible, the difference.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

The official bond of Arthur D. Bailey, as weigh clerk, U. S. Mint, Denver, Col. has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and has to-day been filed in the

office

Office of the First Comptroller.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 243, dated August 13, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 69, dated August 11, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $11,733.88, charges $32.32 and net value $11,701.56. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

You state in your communication of August 6, 1888, that nine (9) special pieces of standard silver dollars have been forwarded to this Bureau for assay. It is necessary for me to call your attention to the

fact that eighteen (18) have been forwarded.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia be increased in the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000.) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money and that the same be placed to the credit of the Superintendent of said institution with the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 16, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa. of the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars ($11,560.) in gold coin and one Hundred Forty one and 56/100 Dollars ($141.56) in silver coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred, One and 56/100 Dollars ($11,701.56)

being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis, as shown by Memorandum No. 243, dated August 13, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 16, 1888.

E. O. Leech, Esq.
Bureau of the Mint,

Sir:-

You are authorized and directed to visit the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of consultation with the book-keeper, to institute a new system of keeping the bullion and minor-coinage accounts of that institution.

You are authorized to take the limited express train, as the same will be most convenient to you.

Your necessary traveling and other expenses will be paid on your rendering an account for the same.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1888.

Telegram.

Boston and Colorado
Smelting Company
Denver, Col.

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted at ninety-two and

one fifth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 17, 1888.

Telegram.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York.

August 17, 1888.

Telegram.

Fourth National Bank,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to
Seesage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmermann & Foshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston and Colorado Smelting Company - 55,000 ounces at $0.922.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar except as to parties, amounts & price to

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Zimmerman & Hershay - 10,000 ounces at $0.9210
Fourth National Bank - 20,000 ounces at 0.9210
Heselage, Colgate & Co. - 50,000 ounces at 0.9215-
J. & N. Seligman & Co. - 50,000 ounces at 0.9220.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Enclosed herewith find returned for correction Form 125, "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay", for the month of June, 1888.

The number of silver dollars

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delivered by the Coiner June 4, appears by the Cashier's Daily Statement to have been 38,000 and the number reserved for annual assay 19, instead of 28,000 and 14 as entered on form 125.

The totals should also be corrected.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 17, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Authority is hereby granted to purchase the buff paper referred to in your letter of the 16th inst. On submitting voucher, please refer to this letter and report it as an emergency purchase.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 17, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. —— dated Aug. 14, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 5 dated Aug. 10, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $49,653.87, charges $123.04 and net value $49,530.77. For the

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latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 17, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty Nine Thousand One Hundred, Eighteen and 00/100 Dollars ($49,118.00) in gold coin, and Four Hundred, Twelve and 77/100 Dollars ($412.77) in silver coin, making a total of Forty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Thirty and 77/100 Dollars ($49,530.77) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, as shown by Memorandum, No. — dated Aug. 14, 1888, of Gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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August 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your ordinary and refinery expense accounts, with abstracts and vouchers, for the month ended July 31, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 18, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have to respectfully request that the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco be directed to furnish a statement in detail (including date of payment) of all paid checks drawn by the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, from April 1, to August 10, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 18, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your communication of the 11th instant enclosing Assayer's Reports on Gold Deposits Nos. 152 & 153, properly signed, has been received at this Bureau.

En

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In regard to Gold Deposit No. 139, the payment of it will be suspended in your accounts until the indemnity bond has been received.

Bonds of indemnity are necessary in all cases of lost mint receipts before payment. In regard to receipts Nos. 6, 8 and 10, referred to in your letter as having been sent to Clark, Dodge & Co., it was not proper to issue duplicates, but in view of the fact that the lost receipts covered deliveries on purchases of silver by the government, the payment will be approved by this Bureau, if you will furnish affidavits that the original receipts were never received by the parties.

In regard to the issue of a duplicate check for $12,338.38, I have to say that the law provides only for the issue of duplicate checks in sums of less than $2,500, under certain safeguards which are enumerated in the enclosed "Instructions concerning duplicate checks," issued by the Secretary of the Treasury. There is no authority of law for issuing a duplicate check for an amount of over $2,500. In such cases it is necessary to go to Congress which is the only constituted authority to grant relief.

You should not have issued another check with the first outstanding, and the Assistant Treasurer should not have paid the second. In view of the fact that the second check was not a duplicate of the first, having a different number, and has been paid,

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are not disposed to raise any point in regard to it. Hereafter in all doubtful cases, all cases except regular constituted methods prescribed by the Regulations, it is safest to ask instructions before making payment.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1888.

The
Central Manufacturing Company,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. you are informed that for any gold bullion deposited by you at a mint or assay office the coining value thereof, less the charges, will be paid you in gold coin, for which you can receive in exchange silver coin, at its face value, in sums of $100.- and upwards.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1888.

Supt. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

C.D. No. 7136 for $40,000.-, being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 17th inst. has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit to be given

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you in your bullion accounts of the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on minor coinage.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Secretary of the Treasury requests that a gold Life Saving Medal be struck, as authorized by the Act of Congress approved May 14, 1888, to be awarded Captain Thomas Sampson. The medal should in every respect be like the medals heretofore struck for the Life-saving Service, except that the date of the Act of Congress should be changed to that given above.

You will please cause this medal to be struck and forwarded to this Bureau, with your account in duplicate, as early as practicable.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1888.

Hon. Charles S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have the honor to return herewith Joint-Resolution providing for the striking of a gold medal in recognition of the services of Joseph Francis "in the con-

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struction and perfection of life-saving appliances," submitted to you by the President, and to state that, so far as known to this Bureau, there is no objection to its approval.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1888.

Fifth Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion account of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, Idaho, for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 20, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

August 20, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Your requisition for funds to meet the expenses of your institution during the month of August, 1888, has been approved for the sum of $25.00- payable from the following appropriations made for the support of your Mint during the current fiscal year, viz:

Contingent Expenses - 1889 — $25.00-

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 21, 1888.

Fourth National Bank,
New York —

gram.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

Similar telegrams sent to

Handy & Harman,
24 Nassau Street,
New York

Seesalage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

Zimmerman & Foshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

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Telegram.

August 21, 1888.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

Informed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and one fifth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 21, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith, for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Assay Office at Helena, for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department, for examination and settlement, your bullion accounts for the quarter ended

ended June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

August 21, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

Referring to your bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, you will please inform the Bureau what kind of sweeps were sold realizing $1,688.90, whether they were barreled sweeps, or grains and sweepings from the melting room, and in what shape they were recovered, to whom sold and what was the assay-value at your institution.

At the other assay offices the sweeps recovered are in the shape of granules and cleanings of the crucibles and are run into base bars, the gold and silver entered in the accounts and the bars shipped to the Mint at Philadelphia the same as other bullion, full value being obtained.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your supplemental ordinary

expense account, with abstracts and vouchers for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Enclosed find returned for correction of clerical error indicated in pencil, Form 123, "Record of Coins reserved for Annual Assay," Mint at San Francisco, for the month of July.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1888.

Jno H. Browning, Esq.
Melter U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Replying to your communication of 16th instant requesting to be granted leave of absence from September 5th to 21st, you are informed that applications of this kind should be forwarded through the proper channel.

If in the opinion of the Assayer in charge of the Mint your services can be spared between the dates mentioned, there will be no objection to the leave.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

August 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

C/S, No. 7126 for $75,000.- being on account of minor coinage profits enclosed in your communication of the 31st ultimo, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit- to be given you in your bullion accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as profits on minor coinage.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:- Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Fourth National Bank — 30,000 ounces at $0.9210
Nesslage, Colgate & Co. — 50,000 ounces 0.9215-
Zimmermann & Hershay — 10,000 ounces 0.9220
J. & N. Seligman & Co. — 50,000 ounces 0.9220
Handy & Harman — 200,000 ounces 0.9220.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar to preceding, with-exception as noted below, to

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Clark, Dodge & Co. — 100,000 ounces at $0.922.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I return herewith your Statement of Earnings and Expenditures for the quarter ended June 30, 1888. You have entered the value of the gold and silver wasted by the operative officers as $10,527.38. It was $10,596.08.

Please return this Statement with- a corrected one.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

The following accounts belonging to your Bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, are herewith returned for correction: "Silver Coin," "Silver - Purchase Bullion," "Profit- and Loss," "Balances."

On "Silver Coin Account" you will eliminate the credit- of $70,000.;

"Amount advanced on silver purchases not completed." There are no vouchers with the accounts with which to check this payment, and you have been informed previously that you must either complete payments on purchases of silver before the close of the quarter, or else carry the entire purchase as unpaid, as the system of vouchers belonging to the Bullion and coin accounts do not admit of an entry of partial payment.

You will please have your book-keeper make the corrections indicated in pencil on the "Silver Purchase Bullion" and "Profit and Loss" Accounts.

Please return these accounts with the corrected ones, and at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 21, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to the bills of the Southern Express Company for shipping silver dollars accompanying your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, the bill of December 31, 1887, amounting to $32.-, for shipment over lines of B. & O. and Pac. Ex. Cos., has no vouchers. There is no voucher for the second shipment from Jackson to Bolton, Miss., under date of December 25, 1887, the

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charge being 50 cents.

I desire to call your attention to the fact that the bills and vouchers for shipping silver dollars forwarded with your accounts are always in very bad shape; many of the bills have no warrants, and the entries on the abstract do not correspond with the warrants or the amounts of the individual bills. Moreover the vouchers are in bad shape, do not always accompany the proper bills, and in consequence the department has difficulty in verifying the bills.

You will please see that the express company renders each bill in good shape for audit, accompanied by the proper vouchers before payment is made, and that the amount of each bill is entered on the abstract.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1888.

Mr. Allan C. Rose,
Phelps,
N. Y.

Sir:-

In answer to your inquiry of the 2d inst., I have to reply that at present there is no vacancy in this Bureau.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that you will cause to be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, in the name of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, the sum of Six Thousand, Eight Hundred, Nine and 55/100 ($6,809.55) the same being the balance of profits on the subsidiary silver coinage at that institution for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888 and that the Bullion Fund of said mint be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Two (2) letters to same address, similar except as noted below.

+ + + + Mint at New Orleans, + + + + + + $21,674.71 + + + balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars + + + + + + + + +

+ + + + + Mint at San Francisco + + + + + + + $67,239.71 + + + + + balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

August 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have requested the Secretary of

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the Treasury to cause the sum of $74,049.26 to be deposited in the Treasury of the U.S. in your name, the same being the balance of profits on the coinage of silver dollars and subsidiary silver coin at your Mint, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888 and that your building fund be increased by a transfer of the same amount.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Letter, similar except as noted, to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

+ + + + + + $21,674.71 + + + + + + + +
balance of profits on the coinage of silver
dollars + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
+ + + + +

August 22, 1888.

First Auditor,
Treasury Department,

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the ordinary, refinery, S.S. Dol. Coinage + Storage + Repair of Steam Power Plant accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia for the month ended June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your ordinary, refinery, Std. Dollar Coinage & Storage & Remit of Steam Power Plant accounts for the month ended June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter of the 20th instant, I herewith return duplicate Medal - Fund vouchers, dated July 6, 1888, certifying the payment by the War Department of $2096.85- for one hundred Army Marksmanship Medals.

The vouchers were received at the Bureau this morning.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 22, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

On your Register of Deposits for

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the quarter ended June 30, 1888, deposits of silver bullion have been entered with the gold deposits of the quarter as follows:

Receipt No.	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Standard Weight Gold	Standard Weight Silver
15-11	.892 5-	.5-69	6.229	38.25-
8	.297	.65-0	3.901	8.49
35-	.449 5-	.468	8.5-71	8.83
1632	.373 3-	.590	8.748	13.73
59	.15-5 3-	.693	51.533	229.14
1728	.173	.594	1.191	4.07
73	.45-0 5-	.525-	42.5-42	49.14

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Telegram.

August 22, 1888.

Superintendent, Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Forward Bullion accounts for June thirtieth immediately.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 22, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I find that you have been rendering a statement to this Bureau for over a year past, on Form 193, on which you report a balance of silver

bullion on hand costing $63.96, — a balance of "uncurrent silver coin" transferred for re-coinage."

As no such balance is shown by your bullion accounts I will thank you to inform me why your report monthly such a balance on hand, and whether you actually have this amount of bullion in uncurrent silver coins. It will be remembered that there is an unsettled balance between you and the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco of the above amount, a deficiency upon the part of the Assistant Treasurer in paying a loss on certain worn silver coins transferred to your mint for recoinage, but why you should report it to this Bureau from month to month as a balance of silver bullion on hand is not clear to me. This deficiency is not a deficiency in the Mint accounts but in the Treasurer's accounts.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:- Referring to the bills for shipping silver dollars accompanying your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, I will thank you to inform the Bureau how you arrive at the rate of $2.19 per thousand for ship-

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ments to Coudersport, Pa., under date of March 2, 1888 and to Port Alleghany, Pa., under date of May 28, 1888.

The distance from Philadelphia to Emporium is 297 miles and from Emporium to Port Alleghany 25 miles, making 322 miles to Port Alleghany or $1.29 per thousand dollars. The distance from Port Alleghany to Coudersburg is 17 miles, making the distance from Philadelphia to Coudersburg 339 miles or $1.35 per thousand.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 23, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

Referring to your ordinary account for the month of June, I will thank you to explain the vouchers for payment to to T. J. Tennant, one dated May 31st for services as assistant, ten days $50.-, the other dated June 15th for services in preparing statement of silver purchased at your mint, twenty-seven days, $135.-.

The information desired is whether payment to this man has been in any way duplicated, and if not, how he made twenty-seven days time between the 31st of May and the 15th of June.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1888.

Telegram.

Fourth National Bank,
New York,

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to

Brandy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Keeslage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
New York.

August 24, 1888.

Telegram.

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Company,
Denver, Col.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and one tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to

Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

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August 24, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Coin as many silver dollars as
Confirmed. practicable in August.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 24, 1888.

Telegram.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Confirmed.

The bars must be treated as a re-
deposit and the charge imposed.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 24, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. — 100,000 ounces at 0.921

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Enclosed please find proof and copy of Assayer's memorandum ordered for the use of your office. I will thank you to explain change made in the heading of sample where silver is ruled out & gold written in red ink above it. This makes two columns for gold fineness & no space for silver.

If this is a clerical error please correct & return without delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

I have requested that the Bullion Fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.-) and that the same be placed to your credit with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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August 24, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, be increased in the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution with the Boise City National Bank, Boise City, Idaho.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Sir:-

The contracts made by you for supplies required during the current fiscal year are returned herewith approved in duplicate.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Subjoined is a list of deposits of silver bullion classified as gold deposits-

on your Register of Deposits for the quarter ended June 30, 1888.

Receipt No.	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Standard Weight (in gs. & dec.) Gold	Standard Weight (in gs. & dec.) Silver
3277	.425-	.517	46.027	55.53
3354	.398	.509	7.937	10.07
68	.450	.524	57.790	66.71
3435-	.472	.478	27.292	27.36
41	.459	.505-	43.671	47.60
3881	.405-	.572-	11.750	16.47
4146	.373	.552	25.579	37.60

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 24, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho.

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 281, dated August 18, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, Shipment No. 4, dated August 11, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be #16,612.03, charges #43.04 and net value #16,568.99. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

Letter, similar to preceding, except as noted below, to

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

+ + + 276, + + + Aug. 18, 1888, + + + + + +
shipments Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 + + + + + + +
$57,185.98 + + + $146.93 + + + $57,039.05 + +
+ + + + + + + + + + +

August 24, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City, to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty One 50/100 Dollars ($16,321.50) in gold coin, and Two Hundred Forty Seven 49/100 Dollars ($247.49) in silver coin, making a total of sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight 99/100 Dollars ($16,568.99) being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise City, as shown by memorandum No. 281, dated August 18, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said Mint.

Very respectfully
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letter to same address, similar except as noted below

+ + + + + Assay Office at Helena + + + + +
$55,879.50 + + + + + $1,159.55 + + + + $57,039.05
+ + + + + Helena + + + Mem. No. 276 + + + +
Aug. 17, 1888 + + + + + + + + + + + + + +
+ + + + + + + + + + + —

August 24, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Before the close of the current month, if there are no outstanding bills unpaid, please cause to be deposited in the Treasury, as an unexpended balance of appropriation for removal of steam-power plant, Mint at Philadelphia, Act of August 4, 1886, the sum of $173.25, this amount having been continuously reported on the Cashier's Daily Statement since October 13, 1887.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1888.

Telegram. Anglo Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director.

Confirmed.

August 25, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

Referring to your Register of Deposits for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, your attention is called to deposits numbered 117, 243 and 244, silver bullion classified with the gold deposits of the quarter:

Receipt No.	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Standard Weight-(ozs. and dec.) Gold	Standard Weight-(ozs. and dec.) Silver
117	.126	.689	1.948	10.17
243	.352	.608	17.197	29.53
4	.097	.793	13.084	106.84

It also appears that in two instances bars "of a less weight than five ounces" have been issued at the Boise Assay Office, contrary to Section 3518 of the Revised Statutes:

Receipt No.	Standard Weight (ozs. & dec.) Gold	Standard Weight (ozs. & dec.) Silver
160	4.105	.24
253	3.998	.64

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 25, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Col. Smelting Co. - 60,000 ounces at $0.921.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

C/T, No. 95- for $30.92 being on account of balance of appropriation for contingent expenses of your mint, 1888, enclosed in your communication of the 16th instant, has been received, properly endorsed and forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, personal credit- to be given you in your ordinary accounts and the amount to be covered into the Treasury as a repayment to the credit of the above appropriation.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letters, similar except as noted, to

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

C/T, No. 96 for $16.- + + balance of appropriation for con. Exp. Office of Director of the Mint 1888 + + + + + + + + + + statistical accounts + + + + + + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

C/T, No. 97 for $59.76 + + + balance of appropriation for salaries of your mint, 1888 + + + + + + + +

Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.

C/T, No. 98 for $1116.75- + + + balance of appropriation for wages of workmen of your mint 1888 + + + + + + +

(See next page)

Similar to letter on page 222, except as noted, to

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York

C/S, No. 83, for $2628.13 ÷ ÷ ÷ ÷ ÷ ÷ unexpended balances of wages and contgt appropriations of your office + 20th " + + ordinary expense accounts + + + + + as a repayment to the credit of your appropriations as follows, wages $1421.80 - Contingent expenses $1206.63 fiscal year 1888.

August 25, 1888.

Assayer in Charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Sir:-

I have approved and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, a bill of the Stationery Division, Treasury Department for stationery shipped you on the 2nd " of July, amounting to $22.92 payable from the appropriation for Contingent expenses of your office, fiscal year 1889.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Letter, similar except as noted, to

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

+ + + + + 11th " of July, amounting to $63.57 +

August 25, 1888.

Hon. R. P. Bland,
House of Representatives,

Sir:-

In compliance with your verbal request of this date, I enclose herewith statement of standard silver dollars coined from the passage of the Act of February 28, 1878, to July 31, 1888.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Statement of Standard Silver Dollars (Act of February 28, 1878) coined in the mints of the United States from March 1, 1878 to July 31, 1888, by Presidential Administrations.

March 1, 1878 to December 31, 1878	$22,495,550
Calendar year 1879	27,560,100
Calendar year 1880	27,397,350
January and February 1881	4,607,000
Total	82,060,000

March 1, 1881 to December 31, 1881	$23,320,975
Calendar year 1882	27,574,100
Calendar year 1883	28,470,039
Calendar year 1884	28,136,875
January and February 1885	4,685,200
Total	112,187,189

March 1, 1885 to December 31, 1885	$24,012,567
Calendar year 1886	31,423,886
Calendar year 1887	33,611,710

January 2nd to February 1888	5,400,001
March 1, 1888 to July 31, 1888	12,241,432
Total,	106,689,596
Total Coinage	300,936,790

August 27, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City, Idaho,

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 23rd ult. in regard to the appropriation of $1500.- made by Congress for the repaire of the Boise Assay Office Building, including new fence and renovating the grounde, you are informed that a new store house as suggested by you can not be erected and paid for from this appropriation as it is specifically stated how it shall be expended.

You are authorized to solicit bids for a new fence of such design as you may think best submitting the proposals received with your recommendations for approval.

You can make such repaire to the old store house as may be necessary.

The old fence should be sold and the proceeds paid into the Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

You can expend the sum of $200.- in renovating the grounds.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith the Assayer's report upon ~~special~~ assay coins taken from the first 2nd two subsequent deliveries in each week at your Mint during the month of May, 1888, and forwarded for test as prescribed by the Regulations.

The coins were found to be within the legal limits of tolerance.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

Similar letters addressed to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 27, 1888.

Telegram. Superintendent, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Confirmed. Order drawn for transfer of five million silver dollars.

Shipment of five hundred thousand to be made daily except Saturday.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

Statement of balances of bullion and coin belonging to the bullion accounts, Form No. 232, for July 1888, is returned herewith for your signature.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1888.

David Enright, Esq.
Topographer
Post Office Department.

Sir:-

Please inform the Bureau of the shortest distance by rail road from New Orleans, La. to Galveston, Texas.

Please return the enclosed memorandum.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1888.

Mr. B. H. Johnson,
Asst. Treas'r, Albany Savings Bank,
Albany, N. Y.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 22nd instant, enclosing draft for $200.- with request that equivalent value in new dimes be sent you, I herewith return the draft and beg to inform you

that under the law and present regulations of the Treasury Department, subsidiary silver coins can be shipped at the expense of the mint only in sums of not less than $500.-, and then upon transfer orders drawn by the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 27, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

The Treasurer of the United States has this day drawn his transfer order upon you for five million dollars, payable in silver dollars, for shipment to Washington.

The Treasurer states that it is desirable that shipments of five hundred thousand dollars be made daily except Saturday, commencing to-morrow, Tuesday, 28th inst.

As soon as the order drawn to-day is exhausted another order will be drawn for a like amount, to be shipped in the same manner.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1888.

Telegram. American Exchange National Bank New York

Confirmed. Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to
Fourth National Bank
New York.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Keeler, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Telegram. Clark, Dodge & Co. August 28, 1888.
51 Wall Street,
New York.

Confirmed. Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety two and five hundredths cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:- Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the departments

by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. — 100,000 ounces at .9205.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1888.

Telegram.

Superintendent Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Confirmed.

Assayer's reports did not accompany your bullion accounts for June thirtieth.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 28, 1888.

Hon. Auditor,
Treasury Department.

Sir:-

I transmit herewith for examination and settlement, the bullion accounts of the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, rendered to me for the purpose of adjustment as required by law.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

Letter to same address, similar except as noted below,
+ + + + + + + Mint at New Orleans + + + +

August 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

I have examined and referred to the proper accounting officers of the department for examination and settlement, your Bullion accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, with my approval.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar letter addressed to
Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

August 28, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

Please forward your statements of Domestic Production (Form No. 61) Deposits and Purchases (Form No. 60) and Bars manufactured (Form No. 61½) of gold and silver Bullion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, without further delay.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Messrs.
Messlage, Colgate & Co.
#29 Wall Street
New York City,

Gentlemen:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th instant, I would state that it is very desirable that checks issued by the superintendents of a mint for silver purchased, should be drawn in favor of the party from whom the purchase was made by the department; and that whenever you desire checks to be made out in favor of any bank through which silver may be forwarded by you it will be necessary for you to make such request to this Bureau, and the Superintendent of the mint will then be instructed to comply with your request.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, returning certain accounts with corrected ones belonging to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, and also a voucher for fifty cents for shipment of silver dollars, I have to say in regard to the warrants that there is no necessi-

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ty for warrants accompanying bills, but as some of the bills had warrants and others had not, your attention was directed to that fact.

In regard to the bill of December 31 for shipments over the lines of the B. & O. and Pac. Ex. Co's., amounting to $32.—, the itemized bill was forwarded and also the receipted bill, but the usual vouchers required in cases of shipments over lines other than the Southern Express did not accompany the bill.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York City.

Sir:-

Referring to the abstract sheets of silver deposits accompanying your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888, your attention is directed to the fact that the figures are so small and indistinct and so much blurred by copying that it is with the greatest difficulty that the verification of standard weights can be made. This is especially so with regard to the gold fineness, and it is only by constant reference to the assayer's reports that these finenesses can be made out.

It is of the first importance,

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as the clerical force of this office is small and the labor involved in checking throughout each deposit is very great, that the figures on the abstract sheets should be large and distinct.

Complaints from the Auditor's office have also been repeatedly made to this Bureau of the difficulty of footing and verifying the abstract sheets of your accounts.

Please see to it that hereafter the deposits are entered plainly and distinctly, and if the sheets are press-copied that it is done carefully and the ink not smeared.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:-

Commencing the 1st proximo, you will hereafter please enter each day on your Daily Statements the amounts of all bills paid with moneys advanced you from the appropriations for support of the Mint at Denver, reporting the total amounts expended per month on form 224, as heretofore.

Under "Character of Balances on hand," "Belonging to Ordinary Expense Accounts," you will please not report as currency gold coin, nor currency as gold coin,

but will separately state the exact amounts of gold, silver and minor coin and currency actually in your possession at the close of business the day for which the statement on Form 25b is rendered.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 28, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 23rd inst. you are informed that the shortest distance by rail road from New Orleans, La. to Gold Thwaite, Texas, is 916 miles.

Respectfully yours,
R.E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 29, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

I have received your communication of the 25th inst. in relation to increase in the pay of D. E. Quirk, Conductor of your Mint and in reply I would say that after duly considering your recommendations, I see no reason for departing from my previous action in the case.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston, Acting Director.

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Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Boise City,
Idaho,

Sir:-

Deposit Memorandum No. 316, dated Aug. 24, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 5, dated Aug. 18, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau and the gross value was found to be $11,161 55/100, charges $29.05 and net value $11,132.50. For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the Bullion Fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 29, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

I have respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Assay Office at Boise City to that of the Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars in gold coin ($10,878.-) and Two Hundred Fifty Four 50/100 Dollars ($254.50) in silver coin, making a total of Eleven Thousand One Hundred Thirty Two and 50/100 ($11,132.50), being the net value of bullion heretofore forwarded by the

Assayer in charge of the United States Assay Office at Boise, as shown by memorandum No. 216, dated Aug. 24, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 30, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

I will thank you to inform this Bureau by return mail the price last paid for steel rolls, and also for chilled rolls, purchased for the mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 30, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Carson, Nev.

Sir:-

I return herewith your "Deposit-Account", "Gold Coin Account" and "Unpaid Depositors' Account", belonging to your bullion and coin accounts for the quarter ended June 30, 1888. You will please render new accounts, as indicated in pencil upon the ones returned, and return the accounts herewith sent you with the corrected ones.

I await the receipt of the Assayer's Reports before the examination of

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of your accounts can be completed.
Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

August 31, 1888.

Telegram. Superintendent U.S. Mint,
San Francisco,

Confirmed. Dundon boilers have been completed according to contract certified check may be returned.
R. E. Preston
Acting Director, Mint.

August 31, 1888.

Telegram. American Exchange Nat'l Bank,
New York,

Confirmed. Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to
Gallatin National Bank,
New York,

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Jessup, Morgan & Co.
#29 Wall Street,
New York.

Zimmermann & Forshay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

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Telegram.

Boston & Colorado
Smelting Co.
Denver, Col.

Confirmed.

Your offer declined. Will accept same at ninety-two and one tenth cents per ounce fine for New Orleans.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegram sent to
Clark, Dodge & Co.
#51 Wall Street,
New York.

August 31, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of Silver Bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Clark, Dodge & Co. — 100,000 ounces at $0.921.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Mint,
Denver, Col.

Sir:- Deposit Memorandum No. 327, dated Aug. 27, 1888, of gold bullion forwarded by you to the United States Mint at Philadelphia, shipment No. 6, dated Aug. 23, 1888, has been received and examined at this Bureau, and the gross value was found to be $47,120.12, charges $122.70 net value $46,997.42.

For the latter amount a transfer has been requested from the bullion fund of your institution to that of the United States Mint at Philadelphia.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

August 31, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury;

Sir:- It is respectfully requested that a transfer be made from the bullion fund of the U. S. Mint at Denver, Col. to that of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, of the sum of Forty Six Thousand, Four Hundred, Fifty Three and 50/100 Dollars ($46,453.50) in gold coin, and Five Hundred, Forty Three and 92/100 Dollars ($543.92) in silver coin, making a total of Forty Six Thousand, Nine Hundred, Ninety Seven and 42/100 Dollars ($46,997.42) being the net value of bullion

heretofore forwarded by the Assayer in charge of the United States Mint at Denver, Col., as shown by Memorandum No. 327, dated Aug. 27, 1888, of gold bullion deposited at said mint.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

You will please cause to be coined during the month of September, not less than 1,800,000 silver dollars.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

You will please cause not less than one million silver dollars to be coined at your mint during the month of September, and if it is practicable by working a little over time to coin one million, two hundred thousand, you are authorized to do so.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your Mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Boston & Colorado Smelting Company } —— 60,000 ounces at $0.921.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 1, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:-

Your statement of Deposits and Purchases (form No. 60) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888, is returned herewith for corrections.

The amount of Trade Dollars reported on the statement is less 2.16 ounces than in the aggregate of the amount reported monthly.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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September 1, 1888.

Assayer U. S. Assay Office,
Helena, Montana.

Telegram.

Bank must execute bond of indemnity in double value of deposit, to be forwarded with your accounts in lieu of lost Mint Receipt.

Confirmed.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director Mint.

September 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Your attention is respectfully called to the fact that the Bureau is awaiting the return of a communication, dated 20th ultimo, from D. Proskey, referred to you August 21 for report, without which the letter of Mr. Proskey cannot be answered advisedly.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
New York,

Sir:-

I find in reference to your statement of Deposits and Purchases (form 60) for October and calendar year 1887, that you have entered as a deposit on both statements a transfer of $57,000.40 std. ozs. in Trade dollars.

On the statement for the fiscal year June 30, 1888, this amount has been omitted. Please explain if this amount was omitted intentionally & reason for doing so.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 3, 1888.

Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir:-

I have requested that the bullion fund of your institution be increased by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) & that the same be placed to your credit with the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 3, 1888.

Hon. C. S. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir:-

It is respectfully requested that the bullion fund of the United States Assay Office at St. Louis be increased in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.-) by a transfer of that amount in lawful money, and that the same be placed to the credit of the Assayer in charge of said institution, with the

Assistant Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, Mo.
Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1888.

Telegram.

Clark, Dodge & Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York,

Confirmed.

Your offer declined.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 4, 1888.

Telegram.

Fourth National Bank,
New York,

Confirmed.

Your offer accepted.
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

Similar telegrams sent to

Kandy & Harman
#24 Nassau Street
New York.

Zimmermann & Goodhay,
#11 Wall Street,
New York.

September 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New-York:

Zimmermann + Hoxhay ——— 25,000 ounces @ 0.923
Handy + Harman ——— 250,000 ounces 0.9235-
Fourth National Bank ——— 50,000 ounces 0.922

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 4, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

It appears from your statement of the 3rd instant that Messrs. J. & W. Seligman & Co. are about 2800 ounces short on their sale of 50,000 ounces of August 21, 1888, at 92.20 cents. You will please notify them to complete the delivery.

Sellers should make their deliveries to approximate their contracts by not less than 750 ounces.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

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Assayer in charge,
U. S. Assay Office,
Helena Mon.

Sir:-

In compliance with your request of the 28th ultimo, I enclose herewith the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury for you to advertise inviting proposals for Coal and Pine Wood.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Telegram.

Assayer, Assay Office,
Helena, Mon.

Confirmed.

If the bars require no additional melting they may be purchased subject to mint charges.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

September 5, 1888.

Telegram.

Handy & Harman,
#24 Nassau Street,
New York.

Confirmed.

Your offer of fifty thousand ounces additional accepted.

R. E. Preston,
Acting Director.

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September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

Purchases of silver bullion have been made this day, at the department, by the Secretary of the Treasury, for delivery at your mint, of the following parties, at the rates and for the amounts respectively named, which you will receive and pay for by draft on the Assistant Treasurer at New York:

Handy & Harman
(additional) 50,000 ounces at $0.923 5-

Very respectfully,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.

September 5, 1888.

Supt. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:-

A special contract has been made by the department with the Adams Express Company, fixing the rate to be paid for the transportation of silver dollars from your mint to Washington at 50 cents per $1,000.

This contract covers the amount that may be transferred here for storage only.

Respectfully yours,
R. E. Preston,
Acting Director of the Mint.